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**IF VALIDITY OF PREVAILING WAGE SURVEY NOT EXTENDED:**

## CNMI construction wages will have to match Hawaii, Guam

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REPORTER

The CNMI departments of Commerce and Labor and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce are combining their efforts to get the federal government to agree on terms to extend the "validity" of the 2014 wage prevailing survey past its October 2016 expiration date.

If the validity is not extended, the CNMI may be forced to match the much higher prevailing wage rates for Hawaii and Guam. This could potentially exacerbate efforts to move construction workers under the contract worker program to the H-visa class, where workers must be paid prevailing wage and for which the CNMI doesn't have a set cap on workers.

According to a February listing from GovGuam, Guam pays prevailing wage rates ranging from \$10.54 to \$17.92 for its H-2B construction workers.

Hawaii, according to its Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, pays hourly rates well over \$30 for some classes of its construction workers, for example.

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**CUC sues its chief engineer Riegel**

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. filed yesterday a lawsuit against its chief engineer, John Riegel, over his amendment of a contract, which would extend the term of his contract, increase his annual salary, and that he could not be terminated for cause.

CUC, through counsel James S. Sirok, is suing Riegel in the Superior Court for invalid provisions of

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## Raulerson pleads case to BOE

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Marianas High School mathematics teacher John Raulerson made an emotional plea to the CNMI State Board of Education to help review his case after he was issued a non-renewal notice.

Raulerson is a mathematics teacher at MHS and is the coach of two-time

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JON PEREZ

Marianas High School mathematics teacher John Raulerson is in a pensive mood as he looks at one of the awards given to the Aeronautical Dolphins last year for winning its second Real World Design Challenge national title. Raulerson, in yesterday's CNMI State Board of Education regular meeting, asked the BOE to help him after being served a notice of non-renewal.



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# Local

## CUC board thumbs nose on EPA qualms with management structure

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board says they have not "systematically failed" to meet federal court-ordered requirements for its management structure, according to a June 22 letter CUC sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

CUC tells the EPA that they

"take exception" to many statements made in an earlier May 2016 letter from EPA. They suggested that EPA's minimum qualification requirements for utility manager posts were "extremely rigid" and should be "modified."

"Your letter implies that because of CUC's conduct related to hiring of the SOI [Stipulated Court Order 1] positions there exists longstanding com-

pliance and health issues stemming in great part from the lack of qualified management operating the utility," CUC board chair Adelina Roberto wrote in the four-page letter, copies of which were obtained by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

"...CUC has met and complied with all aspects of the law related to safe drinking water," she said. "There are no outstanding public health

issues which can be directly attributed to the current management and the manner it has been operating the utility."

CUC maintains that its hiring practices have not systematically failed to meet SOI hiring mandates; that they are not acting in disregard of its court ordered obligation to timely hire qualified personnel; and that they are "doing all it can in addressing it [sic]

obligation to hire qualified individuals."

"EPA is considering a response," EPA public affairs officer Dean Higuchi told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

EPA's May letter essentially said that CUC had limited its search

» **Touts utilities company hired HR manager to specifically address concerns**

EPA determined one of the two applicants that had provided supplemental information was deemed qualified for the position.

"During the interview process with CUC's board of di-

rectors, certain information came to light about the applicants which caused the board to determine that it would be best not to hire the applicant," said Roberto, adding that

their Human Resources Office was then told to re-advertise the position, opening the position on February 2016 with a closing date "until filled."

Three applicants were received, CUC said.

All three applicants were forwarded to EPA for vetting on May 2016.

These applicants were found to be unqualified by EPA, CUC said.

CUC goes on to detail its hiring attempts for deputy executive director and drinking water and wastewater division manager, which were unsuccessful, due to issues CUC cited like family emergency, personal reason, issues stemming from background investigations, among others.

"CUC remains active in the recruiting process for all unfilled SO1 positions. CUC will continue to provide EPA updates on the status of the recruitment process until the SO1 positions are finally filled. However, it should be noted that the difficulty in filling these positions is not attributed to any particular hiring practice of CUC. The qualifications requirements are extremely rigid. For this reason it is suggested that consideration also be given to modifying these requirements in an effort to attract further applicants for the positions."

CUC said they have forwarded to EPA three applicants for the executive director and two applicants for deputy executive director positions for vetting last month.

All applicants were found to be unqualified.

CUC said they would continue to submit names of all applicants for these positions.

These five are so far the number of applicants since the opening of this year, they added.

"Simply put, since 2016 there have not been any applicants whose names CUC has not submitted to EPA for vetting," wrote Roberto. "CUC will continue the process of announcing the opening of such positions until filled."

On the executive director position, CUC said a job vacancy was announced on June 4, 2015 and closing date was until filled.

CUC said there were 10 applicants for the position.

Four of the applicants were unqualified and the other two were requested to provide supplemental information to show their qualifications.

## WIC is celebrating World Breastfeeding Week in August!

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**SINCE BEST SUNSHINE LIVE OPENED IN JULY 2015**

# Report: \$27.85M in BGRT paid out by Saipan casino

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC has paid out \$27.853 million in total business gross revenue taxes to the CNMI government since it opened its casino in the T-Galleria mall last July, according to the Commonwealth Casino Commission in a July 6 report to the House of Representatives committee on commerce and tourism.

Non-gaming gross revenue

from the casino's bar and revenue amount to \$15,097 from July to May.

Most of the taxes came from table games, at \$27.56 million.

Taxes from e-table games were listed at \$14,899 and taxes on slot machine revenues amounted to \$254,284.

According to the commission's report, as of May 31, there are 141 electronic

gaming tables, or slot machines, at the casino and 46 gaming tables, with 16 of these under VIP.

The commission also, as of the end of May, has licensed 906 regular employees for IPI, with 10 pending.

The commission has licensed 29 key employees under IPI, with nine pending.

They've licensed 18 casino service providers and have

pending applications for three casino vendors.

The commission has licensed no junket operators—seen as the middlemen between high rollers and the casino—so far but has received 17 applications.

## New casino date pushed to Chinese New Year

The commission also reveals that Imperial Pacific has changed the targeted completion date of its towering

casino resort currently under construction in Garapan.

The original completion date was set for Dec. 31 2016.

IPI reported during the commission's June 13, 2016 meeting that the amended target completion date for the opening of the gaming portions of the Grand Mariana Hotel and Resort will be a few days prior to the Chinese New

## » Some 24 new land deals may be tied to casino

"Lease expiration date for the current location at the T-Galleria facility for the Best Sunshine Live operations is April 2017. Final completion date for the Grand Mariana hotel and resort operations, per the License Agreement, is August 2017. The commission has received no official request for

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# Surveillance camera leads to identification of burglary suspect

A surveillance camera's footage led to the identification of a 38-year-old man who allegedly burglarized a house in Puerto Rico and stole a wallet last July 3.

Police Officer Jason Tarkong said yesterday that po-

lice are now hunting down the suspect, Daro Reyes Cabrera, on charges of burglary and theft.

Tarkong described Cabrera as a local Chamorro, 5'4" tall, about 140 lbs, with dark short balding hair, brown eyes, and

multiple tattoos.

Tarkong said Cabrera has a mustache and may have a short goatee when he committed the crimes.

Police officers responded to a house in Puerto Rico last July 3 at 9:23am after receiv-

ing a call about a burglary.

The officers viewed the surveillance camera's footage of the suspect, climbing through a window, stealing a wallet, and exiting the same window.

After police identified the suspect as Cabrera, they con-

tacted his family members, co-workers, and friends.

As of yesterday, the defendant remains at large, Tarkong said.

Tarkong said that last Monday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho



Cabrera

issued an arrest warrant for Cabrera.

Crime Stoppers is seeking the public's help on Cabrera's whereabouts, said Tarkong, who is also coordinator for NMI Crime Stoppers Program. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## RAULERSON

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Real World Design Challenge National champions Aeronautical Dolphins that earned them a top ranking right now at the RWDC. They were also given two national merit awards and has represented the Pacific region five times in Washington, D.C.

He was given a chance to talk to the board in the public comments portion of the BOE's regular meeting at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio yesterday. PSS employees and other members of the community packed the Napu Room since the meeting is open to the public.

MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera issued a memorandum on July 7 informing Raulerson that his contract won't be renewed sighting Policy 60-30.3-164, which states that the Public School System "will notify employee in writing at least 90

calendar days in advance if it intends to not renew employee's contract with the PSS."

"This letter serves as your non-renewal notice of your employment contract with the [PSS] effective from the date of this memo. Your last day to report to work will be Oct. 5, 2016," said Cabrera on the letter.

"The PSS will notify employee in writing at least 90 calendar days in advance if it intends not to renew employee's contract with the PSS. The Notice of Personnel Action for separation and clearances will be processed accordingly," added Cabrera on the letter.

There was no reason stated on Cabrera's letter why she decided not to renew Raulerson's contract at MHS and this surprised the mathematics teacher since he helped in putting up the Aeronautical Dolphins, a program that won two National championships and five Pacific Region titles in the Real World Design Challenge.

BOE chair BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero advised Raulerson to put his concerns in writing. "Mr. Raulerson, is it possible that perhaps you can put a lot of those things in writing to us? We would appreciate it. We know your concerns about the policy in place."

Still the BOE allowed him to speak and finish whatever he wanted to say. No other speaker stood up to raise their issue in the public comments after Raulerson.

Raulerson said he doesn't like the policy after he helped coach two MHS Aeronautical Dolphins teams to win national titles against states that have larger populations compared to the CNMI. The BOE and the CNMI Legislature also honored him for guiding the kids to win national titles that brought pride to the CNMI.

"I put my heart and soul into this place. I helped these kids get to the national finals, won two national titles, and then

just got kicked out of the system like I'm a piece of toilet paper. I love these kids. All I've been is about these kids. Now, why give these awards, but I'm not that good enough for this particular policy? It is unfair."

He added that 12 different members of their team had received \$50,000 each of scholarship money, the same kids that put on a lot of work in reaching the RWDC national finals five times—which is a rare feat with the CNMI being one of the few.

Raulerson said that he was told to sign up for this year's RWDC competition and he has also looked at the challenge. "So why am I told to sign up, when you're telling me that after Oct. 5, I got to leave. I don't understand it and it's hypocritical."

He then thanked Public School System Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan for helping save the Aeronautical Dolphins program. "They were about to shut down the pro-

gram in 2011 but Dr. Rita Sablan stepped in said 'no, you can't do that.'"

"By her action that you see these two national titles, merit and other different type of awards. And she's the reason," said Raulerson, who added that he wanted to remain at MHS.

"We have Ann Margaret [Norcio] who wants to go to Harvard. Robert [Malate], who is not here, wants to go to Princeton. Masrur [Alam] is

on his way to [Massachusetts Institute of Technology] due to the program that he's been part of that won a national title in Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics, and he's an intelligent and humble young man," said Raulerson.

"The PSS is for Students First and that's what I'm about. There's no city or state in the U.S. that have two RWDC national titles. The CNMI has two."

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extension."

### Property acquired

The casino commission also lists three properties acquired from the CNMI government and private owners for the Grand Mariana project but note that they are also tracking two-dozen land acquisitions that may be tied with the

casino company.

"The commission... has been monitoring the establishments of about 24 new business entities that may involve land transaction where" the casino company "may have some direct or/indirect involvements."

"The commission is continuing its review and other due diligence on these entities to ascertain their connection or involvement with the exclusive casino licensee."

data and finally publish."

"If the MOU is accepted it will ensure continuity for businesses as they apply for CW," he added. "Commerce and Labor are working closely on this issue."

Saipan Chamber of Commerce executive director Jill Arenovski said the Chamber is in communication with the Commerce and Labor departments and is lending its support.

"We are currently inquiring about the MOU and what we may do to assist," she added.

## WAGES

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The CNMI's 2014 Prevailing Wage Workforce Assessment Study determined prevailing wage hourly rate for construction workers at \$6.73.

The PWWAS is only valid for two years, for which the CNMI's 2014 survey will expire in October 2016, Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

She said Department of

Commerce Secretary Mark Rabaulliman and herself are both working closely on this matter to request the Office of Foreign Labor Certification, or OFLC, to extend the validity of the CNMI's 2014 past its expiration in October 2016.

They want the PWWAS extended "until the new minimum wage of \$6.55 and other relevant wage information settles in and the survey is officially completed and federally accepted for employers to process their LCA [Labor

Condition Application] submissions to the OFLC," she said in email.

"This is very important so that other regional prevailing wages such as Guam or Hawaii's are not applied to CNMI employer's LCAs post expiration of October 2016 of the current prevailing wage," DeLeon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

Rabaulliman told *Saipan Tribune* that—in line with the Gov. Ralph DLG Torres administration's policy of encouraging

construction workers to pursue H2-B visas—and the governor's support of Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's (Ind-MP) bill to extend transition period for contract worker program, increase the contract worker cap, and tie wages for CW workers to the prevailing wage rate—it was "imperative" that the CNMI ensure validity of the 2014 PWWAS until the completion of its upcoming 2016 prevailing wage survey.

The MOU would request U.S. Secretary of Labor Thom-

as Perez to seek extension of the CNMI 2014 PWWAS, while the 2016 survey is ongoing until its completion, he said.

"The significance of this is to ensure continuity of its validity until we publish the new rates so as not to have either Guam or Hawaii's wages applied to the CNMI past its expiration," Rabaulliman told *Saipan Tribune* in an email. "I would be seeking a six-month extension after the 2016 October expiration while we launch the survey, capture, and tabulate the

30, 2015, and during the period of time when Riegel was the acting executive director during the absence of executive director Fletcher but before Fletcher's contract expired, Riegel took it upon himself to type up a document identified as amendment 1 to contract.

Sirok said Riegel did not consult with CUC's Office of Human Resources or utilize staff of the office for this purpose.

Sirok said the second page of

the amendment contains provisions, which are not in line with the agreement reached between Riegel and various board members, and were not even discussed, during the discussions and negotiations.

The lawyer said at no time during the discussions and negotiations between Riegel and various board members did any agreement take place which would extend the term of Riegel's contract as chief engineer through July 2018; increase his annual salary as chief engineer

from \$131,840 to \$140,000 between July 16, 2016 and July 15, 2018; and delete a paragraph of the conditions such that his employment with CUC as chief engineer could not be terminated for cause.

Sirok said that on July 8, 2015, rather than having the amendment routed through the signatory chain by the Office of Human Resources, Riegel, as acting executive director, then hand carried the amendment to the various CUC signatories to obtain their signatures.

Sirok said when the amendment was presented to CUC's legal counsel and board chairwoman, Page 2 of the amendment was not included.

Sirok said neither the chairwoman, nor the board, nor any other binding signatory for CUC, approved or agreed to the terms and provisions on Page 2 of the amendment.

Sirok asserted that the provisions are invalid and are not legally enforceable against CUC.

## CUC

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contract.

Sirok asked the court to hold a conciliatory session to resolve the issue of the legality of the amendment provisions complained.

Sirok requested the court to declare that the amendment provisions complained are invalid and not enforceable against CUC.

According to Sirok in the complaint, in June 2014, CUC, through its authorized representatives, and Riegel executed a contract for the purpose of employing Riegel at CUC as a chief engineer.

The terms and conditions in the contract were discussed and agreed upon by both the CUC executive director, on behalf of CUC, and Riegel prior to the execution of the documents by the parties.

Pursuant to the terms of the

contract, Riegel would be paid an annual salary of \$131,840, and the contract would expire on July 16, 2016.

Pursuant to a provision of the conditions incorporated into the contract, the contract was neither automatically renewable nor did it create any option to renew the contract.

Sirok said it was wholly within the discretion of CUC as to whether an offer to renew the contract should be made to Riegel.

Further, Sirok said, CUC did not have the obligation to provide Riegel with advance notice of termination of employment upon completion of the term of the contract.

Pursuant to a provision of the conditions incorporated into the contract, the lawyer said, CUC could terminate the employment of Riegel at any time during the term of the contract for cause upon at least seven days advance notice.

Pursuant to the terms of the

contract for cause" provision is contained in all contracts executed by CUC for the employment of individuals employed as full-time employees.

In July 2015, the employment contract of Alan Fletcher, as CUC's executive director, expired.

During a period of time in late June 2015, Sirok said, discussions and negotiations were conducted between Riegel and various members of the CUC Board of Directors for the purpose of requesting Riegel to assume the responsibilities as acting executive director of CUC in the absence of a permanent executive director.

Sirok said at no time was CUC's legal counsel in attendance or a participant to the discussions and negotiations.

Sirok said as a result of the discussions and negotiations between the various CUC board members and Riegel, it was agreed that Riegel would assume the role of acting executive director, whichever came first.

Sirok said subsequent to June

# Woman allegedly uses airline mileage scheme to deceive others

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A former employee of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality allegedly deceived several people, including a 69-year-old woman who has kidney cancer, by encouraging them, through Facebook, to buy her airline mileage rewards points.

Mary Jane Tudela told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that she paid \$3,800 to Jenny Arriola Salas for two round-trip tickets and two one-way tickets to the U.S. mainland last March 9 for her and her husband and two other family members.

Tudela said until now Salas has failed to produce the tickets and that she just keeps on making promises to give back her money.

Aside from Tudela, *Saipan Tribune* learned that nine other persons have surfaced to claim that Salas also scammed them using the same modus operandi.

A check with Superior Court records indicate that two other persons filed small claims against Salas over the same modus. The claimants are Jennifer Taimanao and Diana Clayton.

*Saipan Tribune* tried to contact Salas for comment, but learned that she is no longer employed with BECQ.

Tudela said she is really hoping to get the plane tickets because she has kidney cancer and she wants to see her children in Tacoma, Washington.

She said she learned that Salas also scammed other persons using the same modus and that she is wondering why the Department of Public Safety has not acted on the complaints when some already filed a complaint.

She said she went to Salas' house last week, where she met her husband, who told her to just come back today, Thursday.

Tudela said she's trying to show good faith on the husband since it's her first time to speak with him about this matter.

"I gave him my word. But come Thursday and nothing, then I'm going to the police," she said.

Tudela said Salas made too many excuses and promises,

but it's already four months when she paid her.

She said she learned about Salas selling mileage points for plane tickets through a friend.

Tudela said for her \$3,800 for the tickets for four persons was a good bargain so she immediately handed the money to Salas.

She said when she first learned about the mileage tickets for sale, she called the BECQ office several times to contact Salas, but she never answered the phone.

Tudela said when she sent text messages to Salas that she's interested in buying her mileage points, in less than 15 minutes she called her back.

Jeaniffer Hiponia Cubangbang, a government employee, alleged that Salas and her husband Mario scammed her for \$500 cash and made unauthorized transaction in her Bank of Guam account for over \$2,000.

Cubangbang said she got hold of Salas when on Feb. 27, 2016 the Facebook account of a certain Quijano Del Jay posted mileage points equivalent to three round-trip tickets to the U.S. for sale for only \$3,000.

The offer was posted on the Facebook page Saipan Buy/Sell/Swap.

Cubangbang said Salas convinced her about how good the deal was and that it was only for that day because she had to use her Chase points/United Airlines miles.

According to Salas she was helping her friend who needed

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 9th birthday to Kayhana Faith. May your day be filled with love all around you and many, many more birthdays to come. We love you big sister. With love, Ezzy Girl, Chumbai, and MJ

## » Victims include 69-year-old woman suffering kidney cancer

money for medical purposes.

Cubangbang made the purchase. However, when days became weeks and when weeks became months with still no tickets from Salas, she asked for a refund of her money. But Salas would not want to meet and had many reasons or excuses.

She said Salas blamed United Airlines for changing rules, but when she inquired from

United Airlines, they didn't see any transaction.

"They have intentionally and purposely preyed, damaged, and hurt others for their hard-earned money. They deceived me. They manipulated me. They have stressed me and my family, and others in the community with their ill intentions and deeds. Justice needs to be served," Cubangbang said.

A 47-year-old woman also filed a police complaint against Salas when the latter posted on Facebook if anyone is interested to buy her 35,000 airline rewards points for the U.S. in

the amount of \$750.

The woman filed a complaint of theft by deception before DPS last May 15. After numerous calls, meetings, and promises, Salas gave her back the money after a month. The complainant wants to pursue the case because of the emotional stress she suffered.

According to court records, Jennifer Taimanao filed a small claim against Salas in December 2014 to collect back her \$1,640 that she paid her supposedly in exchange for mileage points for four round-trip tickets to the Philippines.

At a hearing on April 16, 2015, Salas failed to appear in court. This prompted Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio to issue a default judgment in favor of Taimanao in the amount of \$1,670 plus 9 percent interest per annum.

Last June, Diana Clayton filed a small claim against Salas to get back the \$2,150 she paid the defendant supposedly for airline mileage points.

At a hearing last Thursday, July 7, both Clayton and Salas did not appear. Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho took the case off-calendar.

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New owners took over the management of Tropical Blendz, which re-opened early this month, offering almost the same items—smoothies and lunch specials—that its local clients have grown to love the past four years. Tropical Blendz is located right across the Garapan Roundhouse in Middle Road.

Manager Joan Taitano, whose family now owns the shop that's been a regular hangout of people who enjoy healthy food, said they practically stuck with the same menu with plans of improving or offering new items in the future.

"We kept all the smoothies and juices that Tropical Blendz has been offering for the past four years, and the breakfast and lunch specials. Tropical Blendz already has a market and we did not want to alienate them. We just wanted to expand our market to more local people," said Taitano.

Among the new things that they introduced is the smoothie specials of the week with catchy names like "Feels Like the First Kiss" a combination of strawberry, guava nectar, lime, and mint; and "True Love Waits" that has strawberry, banana, almond milk, and mint.

"We have many more

## TROPICAL BLENDZ: New owners but still mixing same Blendz



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Tropical Blendz resumed its operations earlier this month and continues to offer smoothies and other healthy food items that they have been known for.

smoothie specials we're concocting. It's fun to actually come up with catchy and cool names," added Taitano.

Meat is a no-no in the healthy food restaurant and as much as possible they use organic produce as their main ingredients. "We live in a tropical paradise and we ought to take advantage of the fresh local fruits and vegetables available to us," Taitano said.

Health-conscious people are the primary target market but Taitano said they plan to expand to all and not just stick to a select few. "We would

really like to make it family/kid friendly and just make it a place where good, healthy food is available."

Aside from offering a gift card that offers 50 percent off on your sixth smoothie if you buy five and introducing new menu items next year, Taitano said they plan to get more involved in the community.

"We plan to be actively involved in the community and educate people about the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle. People are dying left and right because of obesity, which could actually be prevented if



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CNMI Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, left, was the special guest of Tropical Blendz's re-opening last July 2. Tropical Blendz manager Joan Taitano is the one on the right.

we made better choices of the food we eat," said Taitano.

"Food doesn't necessarily make people gain weight, it's the type of food we consume on a given day. Food is not supposed to make us sick, it is supposed to strengthen our bodies so we could lead better and more productive lives."

She added that our bodies

have their own way of self-healing through the vitamins and nutrients that one could get in eating the right food like fruits and vegetables have. "The end goal is eating healthy."

"Tropical Blendz is committed to fulfilling the vision for the people of the CNMI to live a healthy lifestyle. The

only way people could change is through education. When we educate ourselves, it empowers us to do the right thing."

Taitano said she knows the difficulty of keeping a healthy lifestyle. "But the sacrifices we make now far outweighs the benefits we would have in the future. Saipan is our home and we ought to take care of one another.

She added that it is yourself that you are competing with and not with other people when it comes to living healthy. That's why they teamed up with the Lose Big, Win Big contest organized by Tan Holdings.

"We are also in partnership with Tan Holdings' Lose Big, Win Big contest which begins in August and we would offer five percent discount on any purchases of smoothies for the contestants," said Taitano, whose mother owns the nearby Nila's Salon.

She added that Tropical Blendz was not their first choice but since their family wants to venture in the food business, they chose it since it is close to their 14-year-old salon. "It was pure coincidence so it was a perfect location."

Tropical Blendz is open Mondays to Saturdays from 8am to 3pm. For more information or to pick-up orders, call 233-8809.

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## IN LAWSUIT OVER CW-1 PERMIT DENIAL IN 2012

### Court: Parties agree to continue stay in proceedings

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
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REPORTER

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and other federal officials have agreed to request the federal court that the stay of proceedings be continued in a lawsuit filed by private company and a Bangladeshi national over the U.S. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' denial in 2012 of a petition for Commonwealth-only worker, or CW-1 permit.

Johnson, USCIS Director Leon Rodriguez, and USCIS California Service Center Director Rosemary Langley Melville, and plaintiffs Angando Inc. and Moniruzzaman Masud jointly asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI that they be permitted to provide the court with another status report in 60 days on or by Sept. 9, 2016, as the court previously ordered.

Angando Inc. and Masud, through counsel Joseph E. Horey, are suing the U.S. government, Johnson Rodriguez, and Melville.

The plaintiffs asked the court to declare that Masud was lawfully present in the CNMI at the time of Angando's petition, and is eligible for CW-1 classification.

Horey wants the court to compel the defendants to classify Masud as an alien eligible for CW-1 classification, and to approve Angando's petition to employ him.

In a joint status report filed in court on Monday, defendants' counsel, assistant U.S. attorney Mikel W. Schwab and plaintiffs' counsel Horey, disclosed that the California Service Center was contacted last July 7 regarding this pending matter.

Schwab and Horey said according to CSC, they are issuing a notice of intent to deny Angando's petition to obtain CW-1 permit for Masud.

Schwab and Horey said considering the pending status and that plaintiffs Angando and Masud may need to respond to this notice, the parties request that the stay be continued.

Last September, the parties reported to court that the USCIS Administrative Appeal Office has remanded to USCIS California Service Center for further review Angando's petition for CW-1 permit for Masud.

The parties then stated that the USCIS Administrative Appeal Office has withdrawn its decision in this matter.

The parties disclosed that

the USCIS Administrative Appeal Office reopened Angando's petition and remanded it to USCIS California Service Center for further review.

The U.S. government's position is that the administrative process must be exhausted in order for Masud and Angando to proceed with their lawsuit.

The parties then agreed to request the court to stay or suspend the case and vacate defendants' response deadline pending the final decision of USCIS.

The lawyers agreed to provide the court with a status report every 60 days.

USCIS denied Masud's and Angando's petition for CW-1 permit on the grounds that the employer had not established that he was lawfully present in the CNMI at the time the petition was filed.

The plaintiffs asserted that Masud obtained an umbrella permit in 2009, which proved he was lawfully present in the Commonwealth.

Horey said the umbrella permit was a two-year permit issued prior to Nov. 28, 2009, by CNMI Labor, Department of Commerce, or the Office of the Attorney General.

Horey said the umbrella permit remained valid through Nov. 27, 2011.

## CIP PROGRAM OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP16-GOV-146

#### UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE TANK (UST) MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE GUMA HUSTISIA (JUDICIARY) BUILDING, SAIPAN, MP

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lieutenant Governor Victor B. Hoog are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors certified in the area of Underground Storage Tank (UST) Monitoring Systems for the Guma Hustisia (Judiciary) Bldg., Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project requires the inspection of the existing facility and monitoring system, recommended approach and type of system to be installed to meet regulatory requirements, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of a new, compliant, and fully functional UST monitoring system, including securing and compliance with necessary permits, inspections, and approvals from the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ), and two-year maintenance service by a duly certified and trained technician.

The project RFP package will be available Thursday, June 30, 2016 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The work shall be conducted by a CNMI licensed contractor certified in the area of performing work associated with UST monitoring systems. Prior to being awarded a contract, the contractor must have a current CNMI business license, worker's health insurance, general liability insurance, and workman's compensation insurance. The contractor must also demonstrate at least five (5) years of satisfactory work experience on projects with UST devices including monitoring and testing work in the CNMI. The contractor must also demonstrate ability to provide certified technicians, qualified personnel, materials, and equipment to complete the work. Certification of key personnel and technicians are required prior to being awarded a contract.

#### Evaluation Criteria:

Submitted proposals will be evaluated on a possible 100 point score based on the following factors:

1) Technical Qualifications of the Construction Firm and Key Technicians Assigned to the Project	45 points
2) Past Experience in UST Monitoring Systems in the CNMI	30 Points
3) Technical Approach and Completion Time	20 Points
4) Price	5 Points

Proposers are required to submit a cost proposal to perform the scope of work for reference only and will not be part of the evaluation criteria. The evaluation committee of designated reviewers selected by the Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor shall review and evaluate proposals.

There will be a mandatory pre-proposal conference for this project on Thursday, July 7, 2016, 2:00PM ChST at the Atrium Conference Room, ground floor of the Guma Hustisia (Judiciary) Building, Susupe, Saipan. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST July 18, 2016 to Ms. Sonya P. Dancor, P.E., Project Manager to the CIP Administrator, Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions will be copied to other prospective proposers.

Sealed proposals must be marked "UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE TANK (UST) MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE GUMA HUSTISIA (JUDICIARY) BUILDING, SAIPAN, MP.". For proposers within the CNMI, one (1) original and two (2) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, later than 10:00 AM ChST Tuesday, July 26, 2016. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposals by submitting a Notice of Intent. Notices of Intent must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 AM ChST Tuesday, July 26, 2016, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one (1) original and two (2) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, July 26, 2016 and must be received no later than 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, August 4, 2016 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussions shall be conducted with at least three (3) firms regarding the contract requirements and evaluation criteria and selection made therefrom in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The Government is not responsible for any expenses which Proposers may incur in the preparation and submittal of proposals requested by this RFP, including but not limited to, costs associated with travel, accommodations, interviews or presentations, or proposals.

This project is funded in whole by a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

All proposals received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director  
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# HANMI occupancy up 3 pct in June 2016

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 86.98 percent occupancy among 11 member hotels for June 2016, a 3-percent increase compared to June 2015.

HANMI said 60,382 of 69,420 available room nights sold in June 2016, compared to 57,597 of 68,760 available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were \$126.94 during the month, compared to \$119.19 last June.

"June was another strong



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands chair Gloria Cavanagh, center, donates \$1,000 to Northern Marianas Trades Institute chief executive officer Agnes McPhetres, second from right, on June 2, 2016. Pictured from left are NMTI director of Continuing Education & Workforce Development Ross S. Manglona, HANMI board member Wendi Herring, Cavanagh, McPhetres, and NMTI director of External Relations Vic Cepeda.

month for our members, bouncing back from a decrease in May, and we're optimistic about the rest of the year, especially with the commencement of new air service to the Northern Marianas," said HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh. "We are also looking forward to the representation of hoteliers now on the board of the Marianas Visitors Authority. The MVA is funded by hotel occupancy tax, and we believe keeping that funding intact for MVA use is in the best interest of

all the Commonwealth."

In June 2016, the MVA general membership elected Cavanagh, Hyatt Regency Saipan GM Nick Nishikawa, Pacific Islands Club Saipan executive administrative assistant Vicky Benavente, and incumbent Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan.

So far this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average 86.28 percent, equal to the same period last year. Also, average room rates have increased by 5 percent compared to the same period last fiscal year.

HANMI was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the CNMI. (PR)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten DanDan Building, Saipan to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

**AGENDA\***

- I. Preliminary Matters
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Adoption of Minutes
    - 1. May 3, 2016 Special Board Meeting
    - 2. May 13 and May 24, 2016 Regular Board Meetings
  - E. Correspondence
- II. Public Comments\*\*
- III. Management Reports
  - A. Executive Director
    - 1. Update on SO1 and SO2 Projects
    - 2. Update on EPA Grant Projects
  - B. Chief Financial Officer
  - C. Legal Counsel
- IV. Executive Session\*\*\*  
1. Consultation with Legal Counsel on Personnel and Operations Matters
- V. Board Reports/Miscellaneous Administrative Matters/New Business
  - 1. Personnel Committee
  - 2. Operations Committee
- VI. Adjournment

\* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda may be modified during the meeting. Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.  
\*\* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Vice-Chairman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Special Board Meeting is scheduled on Monday, July 18, 2016, 5:30 p.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Adoption of Agenda
  - d. Adoption of Minutes
    - February 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
    - February 25, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
  - a. Properties for Sale
  - b. Personnel Matters
  - c. FY 2015 Audit
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Garapan Annex
  - b. RD Update
  - c. Adoption of the Amendments to the Section 8 Admin Plan
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Loan Assistance
  - b. NMHC Procurement Regulations
  - c. Travel Policy
  - d. Reprogramming Authority
- VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT
- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- VIII. OTHER MATTERS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **IGNACIO L. PEREZ**  
Vice-Chairman of the Board

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Betty-Ann Palacios-Cabrera has been appointed as Administratrix of the Estates of Herman Tudela Palacios and Joycelyn Rose Cave Palacios, Deceased. The Estates are the joint owners of an apartment in San Antonio Village known as Her-Joys Apartment.

No transactions entered into by the previous administrator of the Estate of Herman T. Palacios are valid, and no such transactions will be honored. Any and all future transactions involving Her-Joys Apartment will be valid or honored only if entered into by the undersigned, as Administratrix of the Estates, and if applicable, with court approval.

Dated: July 13, 2016.

/s/ **Betty-Ann Palacios-Cabrera, Administratrix**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice for Public Comment**

**Amendment of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Action Plan for the CNMI to include Homeless Prevention to the Emergency Solutions Grant program**

This notice is to inform the general public that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) will be amending the CNMI's 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Action Plan to include Homeless Prevention for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. The NMHC (grantee) and Karidat Social Services (sub-grantee) has identified that there is a need to include the Homeless Prevention portion to the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan (PY2015). The following table will indicate the reprogramming of funds from the HESG Rapid Rehousing activity to the new HESG Homeless Prevention activity.

Program Year/IDIS No.	Program	Activity Name	Subrecipient	Approved Project Budget	Proposed Reprogramming Amount	Proposed Revised Project Budget	Current IDIS Funded Amount
FROM 2015/IDIS	HESG	HESG Rapid Rehousing Karidat Social Services	Karidat Social Services	\$58,892.15	(\$29,446.07)	\$29,446.08	\$58,892.15
Total Reprogrammed from Activities					(\$29,446.07)		
TO 2015/IDIS NO. - NEW	HESG	HESG Homeless Prevention Karidat Social Services	Karidat Social Services	-\$0-NEW	\$29,446.07	\$29,446.07	-\$0-NEW
Total Reprogrammed To Activities	HESG				\$29,446.07		

The public is invited to provide written and oral comments on the proposed amendment. This public notice will run for thirty (30) days and shall end on July 14, 2016. Written and oral comments will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 14, 2016, at the main office in Garapan. All comments may be relayed to the Planning Division at telephone number (670)234-7689/6866 from Monday through Friday, during regular business hours, except on CNMI holidays. You may email your comments to [jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp](mailto:jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp). Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to submit comments may also contact the Planning Division for assistance.

/s/ **Ignacio L. Perez**  
Acting Chairman  
NMHC Board of Directors

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

(This notice is paid for with HUD funds by NMHC)

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) would like to inform the general public that the NMHC will be conducting a public hearing for the Program Year 2016 Annual Action Plan and for the Substantial Amendment to the 2015-2019 NMHC Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2015 Annual Action Plan. The Substantial Amendment is the inclusion of the Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan for the CNMI.

The public hearing is scheduled for July 28, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the NMHC Central Office located in Garapan, Saipan. Any questions regarding the public hearing may be addressed to the NMHC Planning Division at telephone number (670)234-7689.

Individuals needing special accommodations to attend the public hearing may schedule in advance with the NMHC Planning Division at (670)234-7689.

/s/ **Jesse S. Palacios**  
Corporate Director

**BANQUET**

Best Sunshine International, Ltd. majority shareholder Margaret Cui Li Jie, first lady Diann Torres, and BSI Corporate Social Responsibility executive director Geralyn Dela Cruz are all smiles as they gather before the banquet of the 32nd Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament at the Pacific Islands Club last Sunday evening.

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## FOR 9TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR: NMC receives clean audit report

For the ninth consecutive year, the Northern Marianas College has received a favorable audit opinion—an unqualified opinion—on its financial statements. The college has also received for the third consecutive time an unqualified auditor's opinion on its internal control and compliance report.

"The other members of the Board of Regents join me in commending the staff for their excellent stewardship of the funds that are managed by the college and for earning a clean bill of fiscal health from our auditors," said NMC Board of Regents chair Frank Rabauliman.

An unqualified opinion means that the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Northern Marianas College as of Sept. 30, 2014, and conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

According to NMC chief financial officer Tracy Guerrero, the college's independently prepared audit identified no material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, or material noncom-

pliance with the college's financial statements.

She also reported that for the first time in the college's history, the internal control and compliance report that was prepared by the auditing firm contained zero findings.

Guerrero also added the single audit findings identified in last year's audit have been fully resolved. In addition, all prior questioned costs have been fully resolved.

"This year's financial audit demonstrates the college's commitment to being efficient and prudent with the resources that are entrusted to us," said NMC interim president David J. Attao.

A copy of NMC's financial audit, prepared by Burger Comer Magliari (BCM), has been transmitted to the Office of the Public Auditor.

"We also commend the leadership of chief financial officer Tracy Guerrero and also the hard working staff at the Finance Department and the Procurement and Property Management Office, as well as other employees at the college, for working diligently to ensure that our finances are well-managed," said Attao. (PR)

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## MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a **Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

### MEETING AGENDA

- 1) Preliminary Matters
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
- 2) Public Comments
- 3) Committee Reports
  1. Finance
- 4) New Business
  1. Offshore Representation Offices
  2. Ironman 70.3
  3. Air Service Update
  4. Amendment of By-Laws Article IX Section 4a
  5. RFP for External Auditor
- 5) Miscellaneous/Announcements
- 6) Executive Session
- 7) Adjournment

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce  
Chair, MVA Board of Directors

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### EDITORIAL

## Can we shout less and listen more in wake of recent violence?

**A**lton Sterling, Philando Castile, Lorne Ahrens, Michael Krol, Michael J. Smith, Brent Thompson and Patrick Zamarripa. Some of those names might be familiar to the average reader, but most are probably not. They are the seven people who were shot and killed last week in Baton Rouge, La.; Falcon Heights, Minn.; and Dallas, Texas — deaths that have triggered much anger and fear in many quarters and renewed concerns about the relationship between police officers and the diverse communities they serve.

Unfortunately, much of the public reaction to these events — what has captured headlines and sound bites, tweets and other social media postings — has been shrill, hysterical and divisive. Instead of spending some reasonable amount of time mourning the dead and comforting their families or allaying our collective fears, entirely too much energy has been devoted to angry, often politically minded hyperbole that seeks to fan the flames of hate and intolerance.

Exactly what happened at these three events — two involving black men killed by police officers in what should have been routine encounters and the third a lone shooter's ambush that killed five police officers and wounded nine others — is still under investigation. But that hasn't deterred many Americans (with no small assist from the media) from declaring "wars" or "uprisings," or blaming these events on candidates for president, or making one outrageous pronouncement after the other about the horrible state of the country.

Perhaps what is needed is a national timeout this week as these victims are laid to rest, a moment of quiet reflection and contemplation instead of remarks like that of former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who spent the weekend pointing to the Black Lives Matter movement as a cause of the police officer deaths. Sorry, but efforts to call attention to racism within our society and the long-standing disparities with which African-Americans are treated by the criminal justice system and other institutions is not to blame for a contemptible act of domestic terrorism by a lunatic entirely disconnected to that organization.

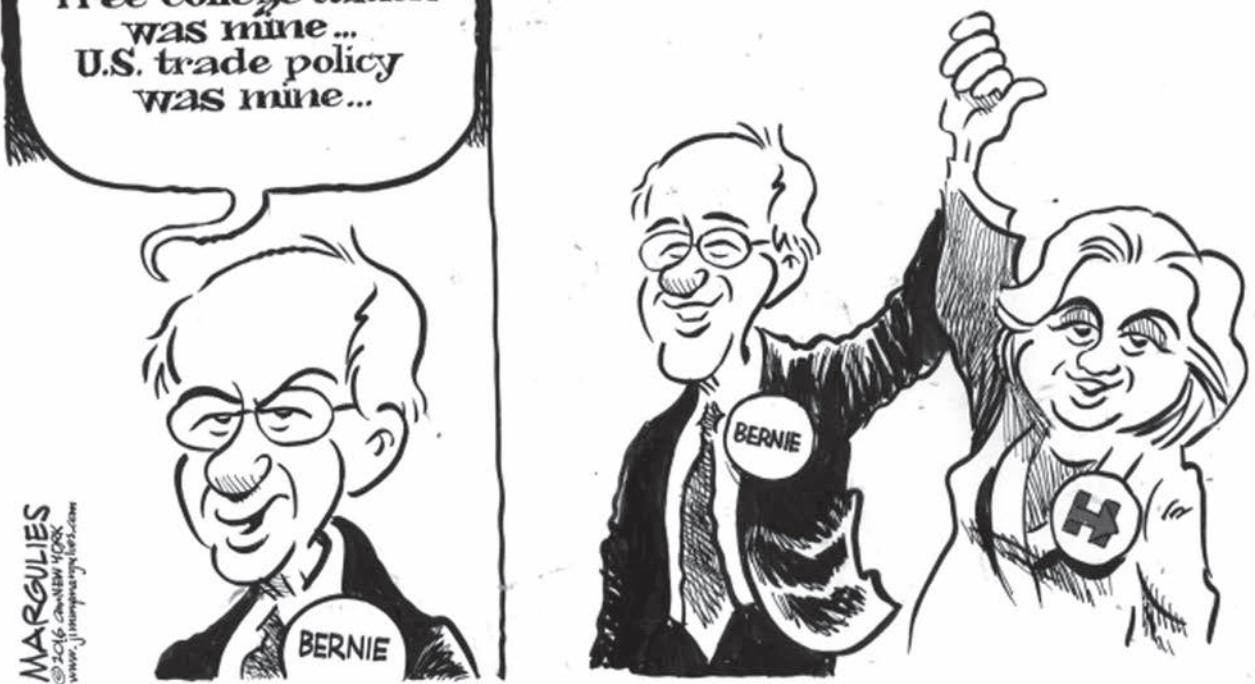
After the death of Freddie Gray last year, a point was made early in the resulting protests that deserves to be repeated: Condemning irresponsible or even potentially criminal behavior by police doesn't make a person anti-law enforcement or pro-criminal anymore than supporting the work of police departments as a whole makes someone inherently racist. One can be pro-police and pro-equality. Indeed, we believe that's the position of the vast majority of Americans — once all the bombast and nonsense is filtered out.

We expect police officers to be held accountable in the shootings in Louisiana and Minnesota if they are found to have been at fault. And at the same time, we mourn the horror that took place in Dallas and extend our sympathy.

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Wall Street reform  
was mine...  
Free college tuition  
was mine...  
U.S. trade policy  
was mine...

### A Meeting of the Mines



## What if Trump's goal is really a Clinton victory?

**D**onald Trump, you may have noticed, has proved to be an, uh, unorthodox presidential candidate.

That served the celebrity well in real estate, on TV and in a record primary field of 17 Republican candidates. He's now on the precipice of becoming the nominee for the party of Lincoln's 41st attempt to occupy the White House.

All indications now are that the billionaire businessman will not become the 24th GOP president, despite his fans' fervor and a record number of primary votes. The indications include a wide range of consistent national and state polls showing him almost universally behind the Democrat with even greater unfavorables.

Such surveys, of course, can change along with voters' opinions as the campaign and upcoming convention/reality show reaffirm or reshape existing evaluations.

What seems unlikely to change, however, is Trump's unpredictable, usually counterproductive behavior. So the growing question is: What if Trump's idea of winning is electing Hillary Clinton? And devastating the GOP in the process?

We suggested 13 months ago that Trump was a Clinton stalking horse: Whether intentional or not, Trump's candidacy will focus attention on him and elect the Democrat whom he's long supported. Nothing has happened since to change our mind, save that another Clinton White House could be an unintended consequence of an enormous Trump ego that expands faster than the universe.

Trump and Hillary Clinton are longtime friends and supporters of liberal causes. He's contributed generously to her campaigns and family foundation. Trump conferred with her husband just before announcing his candidacy. And with Hillary Clinton's FBI exoneration last week, we've seen the power of a Bill Clinton chat, at least with Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

More significant, though, is Trump's behavior. Yes, it seems unpredictable. And that's compelling as Sunday night entertainment. He has mocked the handicapped, POWs and a woman's menstrual cycle, among other crude displays, with no apparent damage.

But Americans aren't clicking a remote control for a TV pitchman. They mark a secret ballot for the world's most powerful person. Showmanship and stage presence help, as Ronald Reagan proved. But will they choose as controller of the nation's nuclear launch codes someone whose trademark phrase is "You're fired!"?

Since locking up the requisite delegates to hijack the GOP, Trump has done everything possible to torpedo his campaign as a serious candidate — and help Clinton's stumbling candidacy.

His fundraising is tardy and halfhearted. He's being battered by millions of dollars' worth in unanswered negative ads like the ones that bloodied Mitt Romney beyond repair in 2012. His campaign staff turmoil dominated June news.

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Trump's done little to unify a fractured GOP riven with suspicions over his conservative credentials and with fears for its own political survival inside his Nov. 8 ballot blast zone. After a Friday meeting House Republicans said sound bites distorted how personable Trump was. So why not show the good side if he really wants to win?

The New Yorker is well-known as a master media manipulator. Anytime a primary competitor had good news to tout, Trump created his own story to drown that out and dominate the news cycle. Quite skillful as such activities go.

But now that Clinton has serial setbacks, Trump routinely steps in to divert attention back to himself. Whether it's his uncontrollable spotlight addiction or not, the result is to protect the Democrat he allegedly wants to defeat.

Thus Trump forfeits political opportunities to cash in on Clinton troubles. For instance, FBI Director James Comey gave Clinton a gift by declining to prosecute her for the email scandal. But the first 10 minutes of Comey's on-camera remarks read like a federal indictment for perjury and national security violations.

Trump could also point out that Clinton's emails were under subpoena when she destroyed them. A goldmine for a genuine opponent.

But no. Instead, Trump dredged up his old remarks about Saddam Hussein being a great terrorist-killer. And reignited attention to his Star of David gaffe by distributing a similar image on a Disney ad. Seriously? The media are evergreen Republican targets, but they're not on the ballot.

Wealthy businessmen like longtime Democratic supporter Trump have run as political outsiders before. Remember former Democrat Wendell Willkie as the 1940 GOP nominee? Of course not.

More recently, another billionaire businessman named Ross Perot spent lavishly to challenge the Republican establishment and orthodoxy in a 1992 third-party bid that captured 19 percent of the popular vote.

The results of that populist effort served to split the GOP and — oh, look! — elect a Democrat named Clinton. Is it a coincidence that it's happening again?

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## Pokemon Go finally gets us moving

**A**ustralian police department took a strange call Sunday. Two “suspicious males,” wearing dark colors and winter hats, were spotted walking in circles and staring at their phones near a local park. But when officers arrived at the scene, they found there wasn’t much to fear — the two men were just playing Pokemon Go.

Pokemon Go, for those who haven’t already downloaded the app, is an updated version of the 1996 Nintendo game in which players catch, train and battle creatures called Pokemon. By using smartphones’ built-in cameras and GPS, this new game allows players to battle Pokemon characters such as Pikachu and Squirtle just as they used to, except in their real-life surroundings by walking — yes, physically walking — to different locations.

This hybrid of real life and digital game is called augmented reality, and it comes with a warning: “Remember to be alert at all times,” the app tells users. “Stay aware of your surroundings.”

Over the weekend, stories rolled in of scraped knees, bruised shins and busted hands courtesy of careless Pokemon Go players. A few more sinister stories grabbed headlines, including the account of a 19-year-old woman in Wyoming who found a dead body in a river while she was on the hunt for more Pokemon. Police officers in O’Fallon, Missouri, be-

lieve that a group of teenagers used the app to lure players to remote locations and then robbed them.

Gamers aren’t deterred. According to SimilarWeb, which estimates web traffic, Pokemon Go is about to surpass Twitter in the number of daily active users. It’s already more popular on Android phones than Tinder. Keep in mind, the app has only been available for download since July 6.

I witnessed the phenomenon firsthand this weekend, as my friends, all 20-somethings, repeatedly reached for chargers to replenish their depleted phone batteries. The game was a constant topic of conversation. Watching them, face-in-phone, it didn’t seem much different from any other attention-absorbing app.

The real phenomenon? It got them outside.

One friend said he covered 4 miles on a Saturday afternoon and explored a cemetery on Chicago’s North Side in pursuit of Pokemon. A co-worker reported that she managed to walk 13,000 steps in a day — and spotted other young people doing the same. Some had eye-witness accounts of kids roaming suburban neighborhoods, advising others on where to find more Pokemon.

We’re a sedentary society. While the younger generations are more active than their parents on average, it’s still a struggle to get them moving. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fewer than 3 in 10 high schoolers get

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at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. That lack of movement takes a serious toll on health.

For years, technology has promised to get us moving. But even with all of our Fitbits and Wii Fits, we still can’t seem to manage it. It seems like Pokemon Go has cracked the code — at least for this summer. Niantic, which developed the app for Nintendo, was smart; apparently, all it takes to motivate the Great Immobile is a phone, a little nostalgia and a pinch of novelty.

Whether the uptick in physical activity sticks around long enough to have a lasting impact is another question. Fads fade. Novelty wears off. Weather turns cold (at least, in Chicago it does). We should enjoy it while it lasts, even if Pokemon Go players come home with a few bumps and bruises. As every older generation already knows: Scrapped knees heal.

## Win, lose or break even—why we go to casinos

**M**ore than 30 million people gambled at Las Vegas casinos last year, trying their luck at cards, dice, slots and wheels on average for three hours a day. That’s a staggering number. Why travel to a casino with so many forms of betting easily found online? Why gamble at all when there are so many new ways to be entertained? Casinos are throwbacks: noisy, smoky, windowless and wasteful.

So why do the wheels keep spinning?

One doesn’t visit a casino to win; anyone who can count knows that is impossible, in the end. Sigmund Freud posited that we go to lose, that gambling is another way people try to annihilate themselves. That doesn’t ring true either. Rather, the enduring popularity of casinos has nothing to do with the outcome of winning or losing — but how and where it’s done.

To while away a night at the tables is, on an unspoken level, to make sense of one’s place in a world fueled by desires but governed by chance. Gathered around the green felt, we take pleasure in watching one another try to upend mathematical truths. Most important, we engage in this quixotic dance with fortune as part of a community, however fleetingly formed.

Cultural anthropologist Clifford Geertz called this “deep” play — a game-ritual that helps people make meaning of their everyday life while momentarily transcending it. In his landmark essay on the cultural significance of cockfighting in Bali, Geertz saw in the blood and gore and wild gambling a story the Balinese “tell themselves about themselves.” So might a night in Las Vegas or Atlantic City play a similar narrative function here.

Historians of gambling, notably Ann Fabian and Jackson Lears, have similarly studied the significance of play. They show how in the American context, games of chance allow

us to reflect on a fundamental paradox of living in a capitalist democracy: economically, we are pitted against one another in fierce competition, yet politically we must foster communal bonds with our fellow citizens. Casino gambling is one of the ways we symbolically try to untangle this Gordian knot.

Seen this way, casino gambling — played in public, together (mostly) against the house — makes sense as an American ritual. In assembling as a group to do something so fundamentally irrational, America’s gamblers rework the centuries-old practices of European nobility, whose high-stakes wagering at thermal resorts lay the foundations for the casino as we know it. The point for aristocratic gamblers was to publicly show how little interest they had in material wealth. Whether winning or losing huge amounts, they had to, above all, look cool and unperturbed while chance had its way with them.

Today’s casinos preserve some facets of gambling as performance. The dramas that unfold nightly at the tables, however, reflect our own contemporary relationship to money. We’re no longer pretending money doesn’t matter, but looking to make sense of how deeply it does. Yet we do this counterintuitively, by staking our labor on the turn of a card, showing each other how easily all of our hard work can be reduced into a game.

I’ve witnessed no greater joy at a casino than when the blackjack dealer is the only one to bust and the whole table wins. Together, our little group beat the system. Money feels light as air and we are reminded that, despite guiding so much of our lives, it’s just an abstraction.

Yet the thrill of winning is coupled with a deeper and stranger pleasure: the knowledge that we’ll all eventually come back down to earth. We might for an instant rise or be

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brought low, but we’ll never escape the perpetual cycle of gain and loss. The truly wealthy can never share in this pleasure. With nothing left to dream about, they can’t enter the magic circle — which is why the rich tend to gamble privately and offstage. When you do spot them you see that their play is joyless and neurotic.

While researching the history of Monte Carlo I spent hours betting the minimum on red at roulette, so that I could hang around and soak up the casino atmosphere. One day an orange man wearing a salmon shirt with a white cashmere sweater draped over his shoulders sidled up next to me and casually put a 5,000-euro bet next to my own 10-euro chip. He lost, shrugged, and went off to his next sad diversion like an aristocrat of old, but his indifference evinced not a noble bearing, but only apathy and alienation.

The rest of us keep merrily rolling the dice alongside our fellow suckers, re-enacting the mad, magical thinking that drives the whole empty show of capitalism in the first place. We come to casinos not to win or to lose but to collectively break even. We find a certain solace in that. Casinos are spaces that remind us that, for better or worse, we’re in this together.

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ties to residents there and police — especially to Police Chief David O. Brown, who has been a steady and at times heart-wrenching voice of reason since the tragedy and has called for an end to the “divisiveness between police and our citizens.”

As President Barack Obama, has already observed, those who attack police officers do a disservice to the cause of

social justice. But he has also noted that in any cause, there are always individuals who will make “stupid” or over-generalized statements about those with whom they disagree. Black Lives Matters has produced its share of hot-headed, misguided rhetoric. So have those like Giuliani who see only racism in an anti-racism cause.

As awful as the events of last week may have been, little is accomplished by abandoning reason and allowing the extremists among us to capture the public dialogue and set the nation’s agenda. At the heart of these episodes are the actions of a handful of individuals, the worst of

whom is now dead, killed by a bomb-disposal robot. That leaves about 319 million Americans for whom the sun will rise and set this day without a moment’s personal contemplation of murder or mayhem. What is needed now is not more hysteria and panic but a calm, cool commitment to equal justice regardless of race, creed, religion or the color of your uniform. As the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. observed, injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

# The Weather

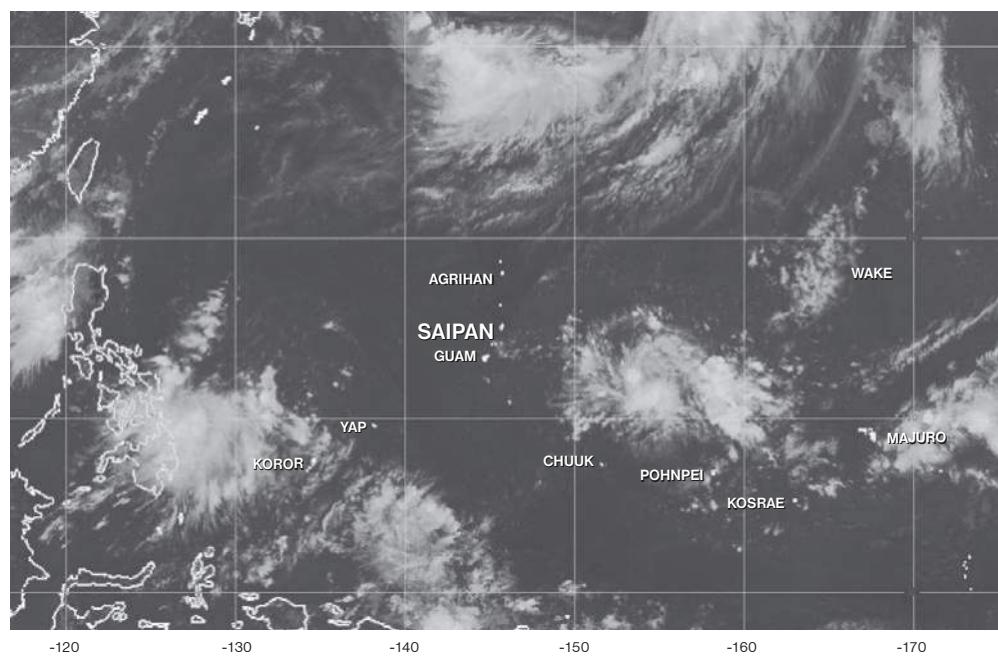
## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Partly sunny. Isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲ 87°	▼ 79°	▲ 89°	▼ 78°	▲ 90°	▼ 79°	▲ 90°	▼ 79°	▲ 90°	▼ 80°
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## Yesterday's Satellite Image



## PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough heads northeastward from southeast of Yap at EQ142E through a weak circulation centered east of Guam near 13N148E to end west of Wake Island at 20N157E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found near Guam, Rota and southeastward within 105 miles of a line from 14N133E to 13N151E to 10N152E, and also between Chuuk and Pohnpei within 135 miles of a line from 5N153E to 12N156E. Another surface trough runs northeastward from near Kosrae at 3N161E to near Kwajalein at 9N168E to end at 13N175E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen over the northern Marshall Islands within 125 miles of a line from 9N165E to 12N174E to 9N180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

## Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▼ 83	▲ 91
Palau	Sunny	▼ 78	▲ 86
Yap	Partly Sunny	▼ 78	▲ 86
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▼ 76	▲ 87
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▼ 75	▲ 87
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▼ 81	▲ 87
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▼ 80	▲ 87

## Around the Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▼ 53	▲ 59
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▼ 73	▲ 89
Hong Kong	Rain	▼ 82	▲ 87
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▼ 72	▲ 84
London	Partly Cloudy	▼ 54	▲ 69
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▼ 63	▲ 82
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▼ 80	▲ 90
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▼ 45	▲ 55
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▼ 82	▲ 88
New York	Partly Sunny	▼ 76	▲ 89
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▼ 73	▲ 86
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▼ 53	▲ 67
Pusan	Sunny	▼ 74	▲ 89
Rome	Sunny	▼ 65	▲ 86
Salem	Sunny	▼ 55	▲ 84
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▼ 55	▲ 72
Seoul	Sunny	▼ 70	▲ 88
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▼ 74	▲ 88
Washington, DC	Partly Sunny	▼ 75	▲ 96

## Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:33 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.78 Feet
10:58 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.36 Feet
5:32 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.36 Feet
10:20 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.02 Feet

## Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:56 AM	6:51 PM

## Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:58 PM	1:09 AM
Friday	2:47 PM	1:50 AM
Saturday	3:36 PM	2:34 AM
Sunday	4:27 PM	3:20 AM
Monday	5:18 PM	4:09 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:3	

# Business

## ‘Pokemon Go’ popularity is also warping real life

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The “Pokemon Go” craze has sent legions of players hiking around cities and battling with “pocket monsters” on their smartphones. It marks a turning point for augmented reality, or technology that superimposes a digital facade on the real world.

But the game’s popularity has created unintended consequences in everyday life, from annoyed property owners dealing with hordes of monster hunters to store owners using the game to attract customers. Though perhaps that’s to be expected from a game that has players visit real-world landmarks such as train stations, churches and museums in order to find and trap cartoon creatures.

Here’s a look at some of the bigger Pokequestions that have emerged since the game went live last Wednesday:

### CAN DIGITAL LURES LEAD TO REAL CASH?

Some shops are exploring ways to use “Pokemon Go” to drum up business.

An Atlanta cafe owned by digital ad agency Huge turned out to be roughly 30 feet away from two prominent “Pokestops”—game representations of physical landmarks where players can stock up on digital game gear. So it spent about \$40 in real money to add digital “lures” to the stops, refreshing them every 30 minutes. The lures increase the chance that rare Pokemon with names like “Starmie” and “Poliwag” turn up nearby—drawing players in turn.



A sign outside of Kawika's Ocean Beach Deli advertises Pokemon Go related activities to passersby in San Francisco, on Monday, July 11, 2016.

“Our corner was essentially lit up all day long,” says Huge executive creative director Derek Fridman.

In San Francisco, enthusiastic players working for Kawika’s Ocean Beach Deli likewise set out lures and branded the store as a “charging station” for drained phones. (The game is notoriously hard on batteries.)

Given that the shop is bracketed by Pokestops on one side and a battle arena on the other, players “have no choice but to walk past us,” says owner David Nottage III. “So we put up some signs.” The deli plans additional Pokemon-related activities in the future.

### WHO'S TO BLAME WHEN PLAYING REALLY GETS OUT OF HAND?

In St. Louis, police say robbers perched near attractive digital spots to rob players engrossed in the game.

Another man who lives in a former church says his home—now also a Pokestop—has become a digital magnet for Pokemon Go players, who sometimes block his driveway and passing traffic as they pull over to stare at their phones.

A 21-year old player in Forest Grove, Oregon, even shrugged off a stab wound to continue his gaming. He approached a stranger on the street and asked him if he was playing, too, police say. The other man then stabbed him. Police say the player described his attacker, refused treatment and continued on his Pokemon hunt.

Phoenix police are telling people not to trespass while playing the game. New York’s subway is warning people not to jump onto the tracks to chase digital “Rattatas.” The National Safety Council implored players not to play and drive.

## Beers may offer nutrition info alongside ingredient details

WASHINGTON (AP)—Beer drinkers who can often find out details about the grain and hops that went into their beverage may get more information from major brewers—about calories, carbohydrates, protein and more.

A trade group that represents companies like Anheuser-Busch and MillerCoors said Tuesday it’s pushing members to voluntarily reveal by the end of 2020 more details on labels, packaging and websites about what’s in their beer. The Beer Institute is also encouraging brewers to show when a beer was brewed, to list ingredients, and to point to a website or include a code that can be scanned with a smartphone for

more information.

Michael Jacobson, president of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, an advocacy group, said the absence of calorie labeling on cans and bottles has helped obscure what a major of calories alcohol can be, and the beer companies should go further.

“Brewers are allowed to artificially color, flavor, sweeten, and preserve their products, as well as use foam enhancers,” he said in a statement. “If the industry takes pride in its ingredients it should list them on labels and not simply on the web.”

Beer Institute members produce more than 80 percent of the volume of beer sold in the United States, the group said,

and added that that Anheuser-Busch, MillerCoors and HeinekenUSA have already agreed to the new standards.

The more inclusive labels could prove more difficult for smaller brewers, however. The Brewers Association, a trade association of craft brewers, says it supports transparency in labeling. But it believes compliance might be difficult for microbrewers who, in addition to having fewer resources, sell more small-scale seasonal products with varying ingredients.

That would mean spending more money for the greater variety of beers those brewers make, stretching already tight profit margins.

# Nation

## Obama pays tribute to Dallas officers shot in racial attack

DALLAS (AP)—President Barack Obama urged Americans rattled by a week of violence and protests to find “open hearts” and new empathy Tuesday in a speech that seesawed between honoring police officers for their bravery and decrying racial prejudice that can affect their work.

Obama spoke near five empty chairs for the police officers killed last week by a black man seeking vengeance for police killings. Behind him, underscoring his message of unity: Dallas police officers, a racially diverse church choir and local officials who ranged from black Police Chief David Brown to former President George W. Bush, a Dallas resident.

Obama sought to reassure the nation that he un-

derstands the impact of the unsettling events of the past week—including the killing of two black men by police officers as well as the Dallas attacks.

Disturbing videos of the events have “left us wounded and angry and hurt,” he said.

“It is as if the deepest fault lines of our democracy have suddenly been exposed, perhaps even widened.”

Undaunted, the president urged Americans to cast aside such doubt and replace it with faith in the nation’s institutions and progress.

“Dallas, I’m here to say we must reject such despair. I’m here to insist that we are not as divided as we seem. And I know that because I know America. I know how far we’ve come against impossible odds,” he said.

The president spoke steps away from the chairs left empty for the five men killed last Thursday while protecting hundreds of people protesting the killings of black men in Louisiana and Minnesota. The Army veteran killed by police after the Dallas attack said he was motivated by revenge.

“The soul of our city was pierced,” Mayor Mike Rawlings said, as he welcomed the president and a line of public officials, including Bush, who attended with his wife, Laura, Vice President Joe Biden and his wife, Jill, and Brown. The group on stage capped the ceremony by holding hands and swaying to the “Battle Hymn of the Republic”—a symbol in sight and song of the service’s unity theme.

## Clinton lawyer: More questions about email server ‘futile’

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hillary Clinton’s lawyer said in a court filing Tuesday it would be “futile” for a federal judge to order the former secretary of state to answer questions under oath about her use of a private email server.

Clinton lawyer David Kendall said a request from a conservative legal group to depose the presumptive Democratic nominee is an improper “fishing expedition.” Judicial Watch has asked U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan to allow them to question Clinton as part of a long-running lawsuit.

Kendall says Clinton has already answered questions to the FBI as part of its now-

closed criminal probe into whether classified material was mishandled, as well as to the congressional committee investigating the 2012 Benghazi attacks that killed four Americans.

In a separate legal filing Tuesday, the government

disclosed a letter from the FBI saying the agency will provide the State Department with copies of hundreds of work-related emails from Clinton’s account. The emails, which Clinton failed to disclose among the roughly 55,000 pages she provided last year, were recovered through the course of the FBI probe.

At issue in the Judicial Watch lawsuit is whether the State Department con-

ducted an adequate search of public records in response to a Freedom of Information Act request. The group has filed several lawsuits seeking records from government agencies related to Clinton’s tenure as the nation’s top diplomat from 2009 to 2013.

Sullivan previously approved requests for several of Clinton’s closest aides to submit to questions, including for Clinton Chief of Staff Cheryl Mills and Deputy Chief of Staff Huma Abedin. Judicial Watch lawyers pressed the current and former State Department officials on whether Clinton’s exclusive use of private emails amounted to an effort to sidestep public records requests.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### US Capitol briefly locked down, 2nd time in week

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Capitol and its office buildings were briefly locked down Tuesday after suspects nearby shot at District of Columbia police with a small machine gun. Police arrested three men after stopping their car about two blocks from the Capitol, Police Chief Cathy Lanier said. Police were alerted to a man with a gun near Fort McNair in southwest Washington, about a mile and a half south of the Capitol, shortly after 4 p.m., police spokesman Dustin Sternbeck

said. Lanier said officers followed the car into a tunnel that goes under the National Mall near the Capitol.

#### Police: 3 arrested in ‘credible threat’ to harm officers

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Police arrested three suspects and were seeking a possible fourth suspect accused of stealing several handguns as part of what authorities Tuesday described as “substantial, credible threat” to harm police officers in the Baton Rouge area. The arrests come at a time of heightened tensions after the

deadly police shootings of black men in Baton Rouge and Minnesota and the killing of five police officers in Dallas last week. Authorities in Baton Rouge discovered the alleged plot while responding to a burglary at a pawn shop early Saturday morning. Baton Rouge Police Chief Carl Dabadie said at a press conference. The chief said the first suspect arrested told police that “the reason the burglary was being done was to harm police officers.” He said the suspect didn’t give any details about when or where a possible plot would be carried out.



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# Asia

## China blames PH for stirring up trouble in dispute

**BEIJING** (AP)—China blamed the Philippines for stirring up trouble and issued a policy paper Wednesday calling the islands in the South China Sea its “inherent territory,” a day after an international tribunal said China had no legal basis for its expansive claims.

“It is the Philippines that has created and stirred up the trouble,” Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin said in introducing the paper.

The Philippines, under a U.N. treaty governing the seas, sought arbitration from an international tribunal on several issues related to its long-running territorial disputes with China.

The tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, rejected China’s claims in a landmark ruling that also found the country had aggravated the seething regional dispute and violated the Philippines’ maritime rights by building

up artificial islands that destroyed coral reefs and by disrupting fishing and oil exploration.

While the decision is seen as a major legal declaration regarding one of the world’s most contested regions, its impact is uncertain given the tribunal has no power of enforcement.

In the new policy paper, China asserts its sovereignty over South China Sea islands and their surrounding waters and opposes other countries’ “illegal claims and occupation.”

The paper blames the Philippines for violating an agreement with China to settle the disputes through bilateral negotiation and says Manila “distorted facts and concocted a pack of lies” to push forward the arbitration proceedings.

Still, Liu said that China remains committed to negotiations with the Philippines, noting new Philippine President



In this photo taken March 29, 2014, a Philippine flag flutters from the deck of the Philippine Navy ship LT 57 Sierra Madre off Second Thomas Shoal in the South China Sea.

Rodrigo Duterte’s positive remarks on the issue.

“China stands ready to work with the new Philippine gov-

ernment,” he said, adding that “early removal of obstacles posed by the arbitration case” would help improve relations.

While the findings cannot reverse China’s actions, it still constitutes a rebuke, carrying with it the force of the international community’s opinion. It also gives heart to small countries in Asia that have helplessly chafed at China’s expansionism, backed by its military and economic power.

“The Philippines strongly affirms its respect for this milestone decision as an important contribution to ongoing efforts in addressing disputes in the South China Sea,” Philippine Foreign Secretary Perfecto Yasay said Tuesday, calling on “all those concerned to exercise restraint and sobriety.”

Former Foreign Secre-

tary Albert del Rosario, who helped oversee the filing of the case, said the ruling underscored “our collective belief that right is might, and that international law is the great equalizer among states.”

Six regional governments have overlapping territorial claims in the South China Sea, waters that are rich in fishing stocks and potential energy resources and where an estimated \$5 trillion in global trade passes each year.

The disputes have increased friction between China and the United States, which has ramped up its military presence in the region as China has expanded its navy’s reach farther offshore.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest encouraged all parties to “acknowledge the final and binding nature of this tribunal.”

Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One as President Barack Obama was flying to Dallas, Earnest said the United States seeks a peaceful resolution to disputes and competing claims in the region, while preserving freedom of navigation and commerce.

Earnest also urged the parties not to use the ruling as an opportunity to engage in escalatory or provocative actions.

U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said at a news conference in Afghanistan that the ruling is an opportunity for everyone in the region to act in a sensible way in accordance with the rule of law in order to settle disputes.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### South Korea set to disclose a site for US missile defense

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—The site in South Korea that will be the base for an advanced U.S. missile defense system that the government

says is designed to cope with North Korean threats will be announced Wednesday, Seoul officials said. The planned announcement comes two days after North Korea threatened to take unspecified “psychical” measures once the location for the Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, is disclosed. China and Russia also oppose the system that they believe help U.S. radars spot missiles in their countries. Seoul and Washington say the missile system only targets North Korea.

#### US commends Sri Lanka’s reconciliation

## South China Sea ruling deepens tensions between US, China

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—A landmark international tribunal ruling on the South China Sea threatens to sharpen the differences between the United States and China, highlighting a growing gulf between the world powers.

“It will certainly intensify conflict and even confrontation,” China’s ambassador to the U.S., Cui Tiankai, said hours after the Hague-based tribunal issued its decision. “In the end it will undermine the authority and effectiveness of international law.”

In contrast, U.S. officials expressed hope that Tuesday’s ruling, which rejected the legal basis of China’s expansive territorial claims in the South China Sea, could provide

an impetus to diplomacy.

The ruling in a case brought by the Philippines was “an important contribution to the shared goal of a peaceful resolution to disputes in the South China Sea,” said Daniel Kritenbrink, the White House policy director for Asia.

Both he and Cui spoke at Washington’s Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank, and their comments reflected how the South China Sea is increasingly the spoiler in relations between the U.S. and China.

President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping have managed to cooperate on global issues such as climate change, but tensions have grown over

China’s land reclamation in the South China Sea.

China has created artificial islands with military facilities, viewed by the U.S. as an attempt to gain effective control of the area. The U.S. has responded with more military patrols, which China views as provocative.

If first reactions to the ruling are anything to go by, the differences are set to deepen—although both sides say they don’t want this issue to dominate the relationship.

Kritenbrink said the U.S. stance was not driven by any strategic rivalry between the U.S. and China, but a desire to uphold the “rules-based international order.” He said if that broke down, and countries built up strength and be-

came more assertive, history shows it could lead to “tragic outcomes.”

Cui reiterated Beijing’s support for negotiations to resolve territorial disputes, but said the ruling would set back the prospects of diplomacy in the South China Sea, where six Asian governments have competing claims.

He also warned of the risk of conflict, but said it was China that was standing up for international law, by rejecting arbitration it had not consented to.

The tribunal ruled it had jurisdiction in the case under the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea, which both China and the Philippines—but not the United States—are party to.

## In South Korea, puppy farms struggle amid abuse allegations

**YANGPYEONG, South Korea** (AP)—Nam Ki Sung has raised puppies on a small, rural farm for 15 years, delighting in their company, mourning their deaths and eking out a living. No more: He now has less than \$60 in the bank, and struggles to feed his dogs.

Nam is one of many puppy farmers who face collapse amid public anger over recent allegations in media reports and by activists of widespread cruelty at dog farms across South Korea.

“It’s like standing on the edge of a cliff,” Nam, 74, said in an interview, sitting on a bed inside a revamped ship-

ping container where he lives at the farm he has run for 15 years in the town of Yangpyeong, near Seoul. “We are under a death sentence.”

Prices have plummeted for puppies in large part because of the public outcry over a report by SBS TV in May that showed shocking scenes of abuse at two rural farms in South Korea. The SBS program, and other media reports that followed, has led to some rare soul-searching on dog welfare in a country

where an estimated 2 million dogs are slaughtered every year for food.

During recent visits by The Associated Press to two unregistered farms, the dogs looked healthy and the facilities generally clean and well-run. In nearly a dozen interviews, farmers and pet shop owners said farms were mostly humane. Still, it’s impossible to

verify those claims because activists say the government mostly fails to monitor dog farms, most of which are unregistered.

South Korea’s pet industry has blossomed in recent years—one in every five households has either a dog or a cat—even as many dog meat restaurants have closed. While restaurants still exist, younger people often stay away from a delicacy that’s seen as a holdover from a different era. But the country’s animal welfare system and public attitudes toward pets still lag far behind those in many Western countries.

# World

## Britain's new leader May seen as more Merkel than Maggie

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Within moments of Theresa May's confirmation as the next prime minister of Britain, London tabloids and wags were comparing her to Britain's "iron lady" of the 1980s, Margaret Thatcher. But those taking a closer look see more in common with Europe's most powerful woman today: Germany's "iron chancellor," Angela Merkel.

Both women have a track record of cautious pragmatism. Merkel famously will sit on the fence on many issues waiting for consensus to build before she commits herself to whichever side is more likely to work. May demonstrated her own grasp of patient tactics, opting to stay on

the policy sidelines during Britain's bruising referendum on European Union membership—positioned in the middle, seemingly the best spot from which to take charge of a divided Conservative Party in the wake of David Cameron's resignation.

"It's often said that you cannot tell what Merkel thinks about an issue until the last moment, if even then. May seems to be similarly inscrutable. She waits for her moment," said Hans Kundnani, a London-based foreign policy analyst at the German Marshall Fund think tank.

"Everyone seems to want to compare women leaders to Thatcher. Even when Merkel first emerged, she was compared with Thatcher as well. But actually, Merkel is the an-

## EU says new Israeli law risks undermining democracy

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—The European Union on Tuesday criticized a new Israeli law that increases regulation of many human rights organizations, saying it risks "undermining" Israel's democratic ideals.

The law, passed late Monday, imposes new reporting requirements on nonprofit groups that receive more than half of their funding from foreign governments.

While its supporters, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, say the law is meant to increase transparency, it applies almost exclusively to liberal groups, often funded by the EU, that are critical of Israeli policies toward the Palestinians. More hawkish groups are largely exempt because they tend to receive funding from private individuals.

Members of Israel's hard-line coalition have long accused the EU of meddling in Israeli affairs by funding such groups. European officials say it supports groups that promote democracy or help the Palestinians to develop their economy and governing institutions as a step toward establishing an independent state at peace with Israel.

In a statement Tuesday, the EU said the new law goes "beyond the legitimate need for transparency," and seems "aimed at constraining the activities of these civil society organizations working in Israel."

"Israel enjoys a vibrant democracy, freedom of speech and a diverse civil society which are an integral part of



In this Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007 file photo, Theresa May, the then Shadow Leader of the House of Commons wears wellington boots whilst giving a speech on stage at the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool, England.

camera-shy husbands. May says she keeps more than 100 cookbooks at the ready to consult with her investment banker husband Philip, while Merkel has described spoiling her husband, Joachim Sauer, with home-made plum cake.

Neither have children, an issue that proved strangely decisive in May's quick confirmation as British leader. Her main rival for the leadership, Andrea Leadsom, resigned barely a day after clumsily suggesting she'd make a better leader because she, unlike May, was a mother.

Merkel and May both favor businesslike dress, with a shared fondness for big-beaded necklaces and the colors mint and turquoise. Fashion parallels diverge decisively at their feet, which May famously adorns with an array of high-end footwear.

Both grew up in the countryside in devout Christian households: May in a village near Oxford where her father was a Church of England vicar, Merkel in a town north of Berlin where her father served as a Lutheran pastor.

They both like to relax in the kitchen and cook for their

May's collection of shoes is so synonymous with her otherwise sober image that the German newspaper Die Welt, when reporting on Britain's new leader, displayed a front-page shot of her feet in leopard-print heels alongside the headline, "The shoes of power."

ti-Thatcher," Kundnani said.

"Thatcher was very passionate with strong beliefs and fought for them. She was a divisive politician, whereas

Merkel is the opposite. So far, based on what we know of May, there seems to be more Merkel in her than Maggie."

The German media ex-

## Venezuela turns to its military to combat food shortages

**CARACAS, Venezuela** (AP)—Venezuela's military is getting a major promotion as the socialist-run country struggles to combat severe shortages and stave off food riots.

President Nicolas Maduro on Monday created a new government initiative to boost production and guarantee the smooth distribution of food supplies in the face of what he called economic sabotage by his opponents. He said the Great Mission of Sovereign Supply will be headed by Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino, who will coordinate the work of every ministry.

As part of the new campaign, control of the country's

five biggest ports was handed to a top military official Tuesday. Maduro said he was tapping army Gen. Efrain Velasco to head the nation's port authority in order to root out corruption and mismanagement at the point of entry for imported food. Previously, the agency had been under civilian control.

Maduro said he was acting under the authority of an economic emergency decree he declared earlier this year.

As food shortages have worsened this year, Maduro has leaned more on the military and community groups of government supporters to organize food distribution and

ease the blocks-long lines that are a focal point for spontaneous unrest and bouts of looting when hungry shoppers are turned away. He has also tried to tighten a rationing system that gives Venezuelans access to staples only on certain days.

It's not clear if the strategy is working.

In June, there was an average of 24 protests each day, according to a study published Tuesday by the local group Venezuelan Observatory of Social Conflict. About a third of the protests were sparked by severe food shortages.

Padrino, an army general and one of the few U.S.-trained officers still occupying

high positions in Venezuela's military, has long been one of Maduro's most-trusted aides. On his first day on the new job, he vowed to bring better control and discipline up and down the food supply chain.

"It's not about militarizing," he said Tuesday. "I don't like to see military intervention in areas that aren't of military nature, but this is a question of national security and defense of the fatherland."

The deeply unpopular Maduro is battling to fend off a recall drive in the face of an economic crisis marked by triple-digit inflation and forced austerity by households and government agencies alike.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Official: 22 dead in head-on train crash in southern Italy

**MILAN** (AP)—Survivors described being thrown forward violently and then freeing themselves from a tangle of metal and body parts after two Italian commuter trains collided head-on Tuesday in the southern region of Puglia, killing at least 22 people and injuring scores more. At least two passengers were pulled alive from the crumpled wreckage as the rescue operation

took place in the scorching heat. Premier Matteo Renzi traveled to the scene, where prosecutors and investigators were at work trying to determine why two trains were on a single track. Railway police Commander Giancarlo Conticchio told Sky TG24 that the number of dead was 22 with 43 people injured, adding that the numbers could change. Officials stressed the final toll would not be known until the train cars had been pulled apart; a giant crane

arrived at the scene to remove the mangled debris.

#### German convicted of war crime for posing with heads in Syria

**BERLIN** (AP)—A German court has convicted a man of committing a war crime after he posed for photos with severed heads in Syria. The 21-year-old, a German with Iranian roots, was sentenced to two years in prison. The Frankfurt state court said Tuesday the defendant, identified only as Aria L. in line

with German privacy rules, traveled to Syria in 2014 and spent at least three weeks with an Islamic extremist fighting government forces. In March or April 2014, a group of fighters attacked a checkpoint in Idlib province. They captured two soldiers and beheaded them, then impaled the heads on spikes. The court found that the defendant posed with the heads for three photos, one of which was shared on Facebook. The photos also were found on his mother's cellphone.

# Environment

## Florida's algae problem stems from decades of Lake Okeechobee pollution

By DAVID FLESHLER  
SUN SENTINEL

**F**ORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—The algae fouling South Florida beaches traces its origin to cattle ranches, farms and neighborhoods as far north as Orlando.

A vast area drains into Lake Okeechobee, where water laden with phosphorus has fertilized the growth of horrific algae blooms that have been discharged to the ocean. The target phosphorus level for the lake is 105 metric tons a year. Last year, the lake received 450.

The problem has been building up over decades, and defies easy solutions.

Republican Gov. Rick Scott has blamed the algae plague largely on the Obama administration's failure to fix the federally controlled dike around the lake, where high water levels necessitated discharges to the ocean to protect the deteriorated earthen structure.

But environmentalists point to decades of overdevelopment and lax regulation of agriculture, saying the state never forced farms, cities and other sources of phosphorus to reduce it sufficiently to allow the lake to recover.

"I think it's irresponsible to point the finger at the federal government," said Eric Draper, executive director of Audubon of Florida. "The question of who let the all that pollution into Lake Okeechobee is not a federal responsibility, that's a state responsibility. Florida allowed three million acres that drain into Lake Okeechobee



to become overdrained and overdeveloped."

Most recently, he said, the state Legislature and Scott took action that served the lake badly. Lobbied by U.S. Sugar, a major campaign contributor, the governor and his appointees at the water management district rejected a deal to buy U.S. Sugar land south of the lake for water storage. That could have eventually reduced the need for discharges to the ocean.

And last year the state Legislature passed an agriculture-backed revision to water quality law that allowed polluters to continue discharging phosphorus as long as they complied with best management practices, such as not

fertilizing when the weather forecast calls for heavy rain.

"Best management practices are essentially voluntary measures," said Bradley Marshall, senior associate attorney at the Florida office of Earthjustice, the environmental law firm. "What we need are hard limits on how much phosphorus comes off these lands, and the state is not providing that."

Tom Frick, director of the Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, said the new system is neither voluntary, nor easy to comply with.

Landowners within the lake's huge watershed must

show they are either not discharging pollutants or comply with best management practices, he said. The state is checking into levels of compliance and will engage in enforcement where necessary, he said.

Ultimately, he said, the state's plan calls for bringing the lake's phosphorus down to environmentally healthy levels within 15 years.

Known once as the Devil's element for its use in poisons and explosives (and status as the 13th element discovered), phosphorus was first isolated by a 17th-century alchemist. It's an essential nutrient for plants and animals, but it has proved one of the most vexing problems

for the Everglades, where native sawgrass requires a low-phosphorus environment to keep out competing plants such as cattails.

Phosphorus-laden discharges of water from the lake have been blamed, along with the hot weather, septic tanks and other factors, with causing the catastrophic algae blooms that have coated Treasure Coast beaches with green slime.

Although many environmentalists blame "Big Sugar," the cane fields of U.S. Sugar and Florida Crystals around the southern rim of the lake today account for only a small percentage of its phosphorus.

About 37 percent comes from land to the north that drains into the Kissimmee River, according to a 2015 report by the South Florida Water Management District. This includes vegetable farms, citrus groves, cattle ranches, dairy farms and neighborhoods as far north as the Orlando suburbs, where lawn fertilizer, animal waste and other sources of phosphorus wash into the river, which feeds into the lake.

Only 5.8 percent came from the lands where the sugar fields are located, along with towns and other kinds of farms.

Judy Sanchez, spokeswoman for U.S. Sugar, said the industry has sharply reduced discharges to less than three percent of what's going into the lake.

"People are just used to pointing the finger at us,"

she said. TNS  
Blue-green algae in the L 8 canal where it meets the C 51 canal, just west of Wellington, Fla.

She criticized the idea of a buyout, saying it would not yield enough land for water storage to significantly reduce the damaging discharges from the lake to the ocean.

"You can't send much more water south," she said. "No matter what land you acquire, you're still going to flow water out the estuaries."

While the sugar industry's discharges to the lake are minimal compared to other sources, that wasn't the case in the past. A 1992 study found that sugarcane fields and sugar mills accounted for 28 percent of the lake's phosphorus.

"There is a historic load of phosphorus already in Lake Okeechobee that came from the sugar farms," Draper said. "There is a current load, even if it is not a major percentage, coming from the sugar farms. We have had long-standing plans to move some of the that water to the sugar farm land, and the sugar industry went from being favorable to that strategy to lobbying against it."

Earlier this month, the governor announced a proposal for matching grants to help homeowners switch from septic tanks to central sewer systems, which would reduce one source of phosphorus reaching the water.

"It is up to all of us — the state, Florida's local communities and the federal government — to work together on long-term solutions to improve the quality of our water," he said. "If approved by the Legislature, this voluntary program will provide funding to encourage residents to move from septic tanks to sewer systems in order to curb pollution."

To critics, this appeared to be an attempt to avoid the more difficult choices that need to be made to clean up the lake.

"The state is trying to shift the blame to septic systems," said Marshall, of Earthjustice. "While certainly they're a source of phosphorus, they're not the primary source of these blooms. It's no coincidence that the blooms are occurring right after the discharges from Lake Okeechobee. Because that means they can avoid dealing with the real problem, which is runoff."

## California seeks to extend landmark climate-change effort

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

California's landmark cap-and-trade program to fight climate-changing pollution from fossil fuels would survive long past Gov. Jerry Brown's time in office under a state proposal Tuesday.

The initiative from the state's Air Resources Board is part of a push by Brown's administration to ensure that some of his programs to curb carbon emissions continue after Brown, a prominent figure globally in the fight against climate change, leaves office in two years.

The centerpiece of Brown's campaign has been a cap-

and-trade program that aims to reduce the use of fossil fuels by forcing manufacturers and other companies to meet tougher emissions limits, or buy credits to exceed the limits. California's was one of the first governments anywhere to enact a cap-and-trade program, and the state's effort has been one of the most-watched internationally.

The four-year-old program, however, is authorized to operate only until 2020 and faces a litany of challenges, including a lawsuit questioning its legality, poor sales of credits, and lukewarm support among Democratic state legislators to extend it.

The blueprint released Tues-

day would continue cap-and-trade past 2020, lowering the maximum allowable cap for emissions by about 3.5 percent a year through 2030. No board vote on the proposal is scheduled until March 2017.

Supporters credit the strategy—born under previous Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, and stemming from other climate change programs initiated under Brown—with helping to cut California's overall output of emissions by 1.5 percent in its first two years, despite the massive energy demands of the state's thriving economy.

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For his admirable spirit will live on.  
We'll remember him in silence and  
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On the 18th day Saturday, July 16, 2016, we invite you to join us for 6 a.m. mass at Mount Carmel Cathedral followed by breakfast at the Joeten - Daidai Social Hall.

In God's care he may be, but forever in our hearts is where he lives. May God bless us all.



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## Life & Style

# 'America's Got Talent' dominates summer TV

**NEW YORK** (AP)—There's little doubt that "America's Got Talent" is the nation's favorite television show of the summer.

The NBC talent show, this summer augmented by the addition of Simon Cowell as a judge, was seen by 12.8 million people on Wednesday, the Nielsen company said. That's more than four million viewers more than any other program on the air last week.

NBC is stretching its schedule with a Wednesday night showing of "America's Got Talent" highlights, and that finished as the third most-watched program for the week, Nielsen said.

A week after Fox hit a new low for one of the top four networks with a weekly viewership average of 1.96 million, it slipped to 1.94 million last week. Only one of

its programs finished among Nielsen's top 50.

The week of July Fourth is typically one of the least-watched weeks of television during the year, if not the least-watched.

NBC, which was also boosted by televising Olympic trials, led the networks with a 5.9 million prime-time average. CBS had 4.5 million, ABC had 3.8 million, Fox had 1.9 million, Univision had 1.5 million, Telemundo had 1.4 million, ION Television had 1.3 million and the CW had 830,000.

Fox News Channel was the week's most popular cable network, averaging 2.41 million viewers during a busy news week. HGTV had 1.62 million, USA had 1.4 million, History had 1.33 million and Disney had 1.31 million.

ABC's "World News To-



In this March 3, 2016 file photo, Simon Cowell arrives at the "America's Got Talent" Season 11 Red Carpet Kickoff at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium in Pasadena, Calif.

night" narrowly topped the evening news ratings with an average of 7.8 million. NBC's "Nightly News" was second with 7.7 million and the "CBS Evening News" had 6.6 million.

For the week of July 4-10, the top 10 shows, their networks and viewerships: "America's Got Talent" (Tuesday), NBC, 12.81 million; "Olympic Trials" (Sunday), NBC, 8.58 million; "America's Got Talent" (Wednesday), NBC, 8.48 million; "Celebrity Family Feud," ABC, 7.43 million; "60 Minutes," CBS, 7.35 million; "The Big Bang Theory," CBS, 7.34 million; "The \$100,000 Pyramid," ABC, 7.12 million; "Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks," NBC, 7.03 million; "NCIS," CBS, 6.79 million; "Big Brother" (Wednesday), CBS, 6.182 million.

## William H McNeill, prize-winning world historian, dead at 98

**NEW YORK** (AP)—William H. McNeill, the prize-winning scholar who wove the stories of civilizations worldwide into the landmark "The Rise of the West" and helped pioneer the history of disease and epidemics in "Plagues and People," has died at age 98.

McNeill died Friday at his home in Torrington, Connecticut, according to Steve Koppes, associate news director at the University of Chicago, where McNeill was a professor emeritus.

McNeill wrote more than a dozen books, notably "The Rise of the West," published in 1963 and greeted by The New York Times as "the most stimulating and fascinating" work of world history ever released. It won the National Book Award, sold well despite exceeding 800 pages and later was ranked No. 71 by the Modern Library among the 20th century's best English-language nonfiction books.

The title of McNeill's book was a direct challenge to Oswald Spengler's "The Decline of the West." But "The Rise of the West," its narrative extending from the Paleolithic Age to the present, was also born out of a Freudian struggle with McNeill's hero and father figure Arnold Toynbee, then the reigning scholar of world history. Toynbee believed that civilizations of the East and West had essentially developed independently and their stories were separate. McNeill countered that they were very much part of one story, one



In this March 1964 file photo shows historian William H. McNeill.

of "contacts and "exchanges" and the triumph of Western innovation over the stagnation of Muslim and Chinese culture.

"Indeed, world history since 1500 may be thought of as a race between the West's growing power to molest the rest of the world and the increasingly desperate efforts of other peoples to stave Westerners off,"

wrote McNeill, who also cautioned that another civilization could yet overtake the West.

McNeill was criticized for writing too favorably of the West and would acknowledge flaws. In a "retrospective essay," he noted that "The Rise of the West" was in part influenced by the Cold War and the United States' post-World War II as-

cendance. He underestimated the Chinese, "gave undue attention to Latin Christendom" and showed "scant concern for the sufferings of the victims of historical change." He faulted the scholarship of the time, but also "the bias" of his education and "personal idiosyncrasies" that led him to favor stories of Western success. But he welcomed disagreement. The past, he was sure, would be captured with ever greater "precision, richness, and accuracy beyond anything previously possible."

McNeill always looked for new ways to explain the world. He did not track change through the feats of great men, but through everyday innovation, technology and the mixing of cultures. He documented the democratizing effect of the close-order military drill, the moldboard plow's transformation of agriculture, the impact of potato farming. He studied closely what happened when "cakes of custom collided," whether between rural and urban cultures, rival religions or rival countries.

McNeill regarded his future books as sequels and correctives to "Rise of the West." In the 1976 release "Plagues and People," he was among the first to examine the impact of infectious disease in history, from ancient Eurasia to the 20th century. He anticipated the AIDS epidemic that would break out a few years later and helped launch a field of scholarship that includes Jared Diamond, Laurie Garrett and Richard Preston.

His other works included

"The Pursuit of Power" and a reluctant biography of his fallen idol, Toynbee, written on request by Toynbee's wife. In 2003, he collaborated with his son, J.R. McNeill, on "The Human Web: A Bird's Eye View of History." His memoir, "The Pursuit of Truth," came out two years later.

He was born in Vancouver, British Columbia. His father, John T. McNeill, was a theo-

logian and Medieval historian who sought to find common beliefs among Christians worldwide; the younger McNeill would see his scholarship as a secular version of his father's calling. He was an undergraduate at the University of Chicago, and a graduate student at Cornell University. His formal education was suspended in 1941 after the attack on Pearl Harbor and his enlistment in the Army, in which he served five years.

**Fox News Channel suspends Newt Gingrich as contributor**



In this July 6, 2016 file photo, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich speaks before introducing Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump during a campaign rally in Cincinnati.

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Fox News says it is suspending its contributor agreement with Newt Gingrich "due to the intense media speculation" about him as a potential vice presidential candidate of Republican Donald Trump.

Jay Wallace, executive vice president of news at Fox, said Tuesday the network thought it was best to stop Gingrich as

a contributor to avoid any conflicts of interest.

The former House speaker joined the network in 1999, and his role was suspended in 2011 when he ran for president in 2012. He returned to Fox in 2015.

Less than an hour after the announcement, Gingrich appeared on Fox as an interview subject.

# Jennifer Aniston: I'm not pregnant; I'm fed up with tabloids

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Jennifer Aniston says she's not pregnant and she's fed up with predatory tabloid culture that defines women by their looks and maternal status.

In an essay published Tuesday in the Huffington Post, Aniston says constant paparazzi coverage con-

tributes to a "dehumanizing view of females, focused solely on one's physical appearance." She says the further speculation over whether she looks as though she's pregnant or may have eaten too much "reflects the warped way we calculate a woman's worth."

She says the amount of

media resources spent on trying to find out if she's pregnant perpetuates the idea that women are incomplete until they marry and become mothers. She says she doesn't expect tabloid practices to change, but she hopes consumers will become more aware of the messages such publications put forth.

## Flo Rida, Troye Sivan to join Djokovic, Nadal for kids' day

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The new retractable roof at the U.S. Open will see its first major action during Arthur Ashe Kids' Day, as Flo Rida, Troye Sivan and others join defending men's champion Novak Djokovic (NOH'-vak JOH'-kuh-vich) and former champ Rafael Nadal for music, tennis and other kid-friendly activities.

The annual event, which

pays tribute to the late tennis great, is set for Aug. 27 at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, two days before the start of the U.S. Open, the last Grand Slam tennis event of the year, in Flushing, Queens.

Actor Joey Bragg, singer Jordan Fisher and singer-actress Laura Marano will host the festivities. Forever in Your Mind are slated to per-

form. ABC will air the event the following day.

## Disney CEO Bob Iger joins Los Angeles bid for 2024 Games

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The chairman and CEO of The Walt Disney Co. is joining Los Angeles' bid to land the 2024 Olympics.

Bob Iger will serve as a vice chair of the bid committee's board of directors, joining former Olympic champion swimmer Janet Evans, retired NBA champion Magic Johnson, nine-time Paralympian Candace Cable and labor leader Maria Elena Durazo.

Iger has previous Olympic ties, having worked with the late TV producer Roone Arledge on games broadcasts from 1976-88.

LA 2024 chairman Casey Wasserman says Iger has a proven track record of reaching young people and families with content delivered through the latest digital technology.

Iger's appointment was announced Tuesday.



In this April 1, 2015 file photo, Flo Rida performs on stage at the "Furious 7" Takeover in Los Angeles. Flo Rida will take part in the Arthur Ashe Kids' Day at the U.S. Open.

**AP**  
In this April 13, 2016 file photo, Jennifer Aniston arrives at the Los Angeles premiere of "Mother's Day."



## 'Star Trek' creator's son unsure of gay Sulu

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The son of late "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry says his father would have been on board with an Enterprise crew member being portrayed as gay, but he's unsure if it should have been helmsman Hikaru Sulu.

Rod Roddenberry said his father would have been supportive of a gay "Trek" character and commended the "Star Trek Beyond" filmmakers for featuring an LGBT character. Roddenberry died in 1991.

"I think he would be 100 percent in favor of a gay character in 'Star Trek,'" said Roddenberry during an interview Tuesday. "There's so much going on in the world today. I think he would love any sort of social issue being brought into 'Star Trek.'"

"Star Trek Beyond" actor John Cho told Australia's Herald Sun last week that a scene in the upcoming film

plainly presents Sulu with a male spouse raising an infant daughter. Cho said he liked that the approach doesn't "make a big thing" out of it.

However, original Sulu actor George Takei called the de-

cision unfortunate. The openly gay 79-year-old actor told The Hollywood Reporter that he thought the character had been altered and would have preferred for filmmakers to create an entirely new gay character.



In this July 7, 2016 file photo, actor John Cho arrives at the premiere of "Star Trek Beyond" in Sydney, Australia. Cho portrays Hikaru Sulu in the film, opening in U.S. theaters on July 22.

## Wedding guests are perplexed by toasts that turn to roasts

**D**EAR ABBY: We have been attending the weddings of our friends' children and work colleagues. We enjoy them, but we have noticed a change in some of the traditions.

The best man's and maid of honor's toasts to the bride and groom seem to have devolved into telling stories about their past escapades. This includes tales of all-night partying, how drunk they were, other embarrassing incidents and "digs" at the bride and groom. Some of these speeches can go on for more than 10 minutes!

Abby, many guests attending these celebrations really don't care to hear these kinds of things. I'm sure the couple's new boss or their grandparents are quite shocked at some of the revelations they hear. Has this occasion turned into a roast?

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF IT

**DEAR DON'T KNOW:** It appears that some of the weddings you have attended have. There are occasions when sometimes the less said the better, if only to protect the guilty, and this is one of them.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 22-year-old woman who enjoys achieving things in life. For example, I recently bought a house and paid for all the remodeling with my own money.

I have been with my boyfriend for seven years (on and off). He was my first boyfriend, first kiss, etc. and because of that, I have always felt a deep connection with him. My problem is he

doesn't have goals for the future and just lives his life a day at a time. He's comfortable with his low-income job and doesn't plan on going to school.

He moved into my house six months ago, which makes our relationship that much more serious. Something I absolutely adore about him is his loving nature. He drops whatever he is doing to be there for me emotionally, and everyone who meets him tells me how lucky I am to have found such a great guy.

My question is, should I stay with my loving, caring boyfriend or is it time to find someone with the same goals I have?

CONFUSED IN FLORIDA

**DEAR CONFUSED:** Ask yourself which is more important to you—a loving and emotionally supportive spouse or a hard worker who may be less so. Only you can decide the answer to that question.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am the mom of three wonderful little girls, but as of late not so wonderful. My husband and I work hard to teach them manners and respect, but we can't seem to get across to them to be grateful for what they have.

We don't have a lot of money because we live on one income, and we don't spoil them often because we can't afford to. Twice now, one of my girls has been unhappy with a gift she received. The first one she threw away; the second she refused to even accept! This isn't how we raised her.

I thought about doing some volunteer work with them, but

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I fear they are too young for it (4, 7 and 9). I want to raise kind, caring and giving girls. Your thoughts on this matter would be great.

GRATEFUL MOM IN COLORADO

**DEAR GRATEFUL MOM:** Your 7- and 9-year-olds are NOT too young to learn that many children have far less than they do. Sometimes people need to see with their own eyes the challenges that others have to cope with in order to appreciate how fortunate they are. I think your idea of having them do some volunteer work with you is an excellent one, and it is not too early to start.

Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

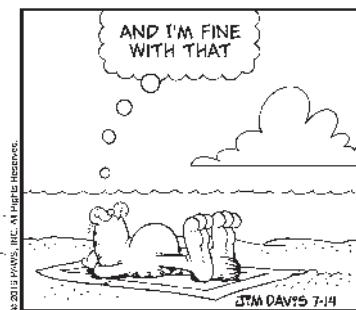


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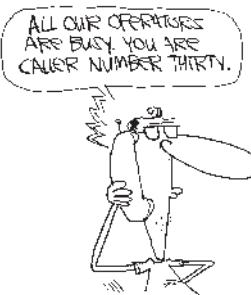
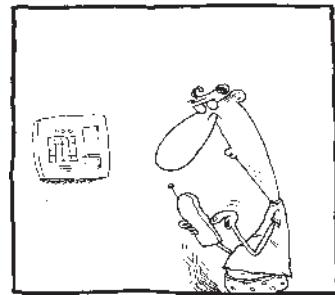
## Adam@home



By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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13	Farm fraction	44	Hot	3	Admin. aide	
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15	Beantown resident	46	Sol	5	Curse	
17	High school subj.	47	Yearning for the past	6	Here, to	
18	Garb	48	German article	7	Henri	
19	Sum	51	Buffalo's lake	26	Inn	
21	Rejection	52	Lingerie fabric	27	Pitt of	
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				49	Man-mouse link	
				50	Bro's kin	

Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 7-14

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Scott Porter, 37; Matthew Fox, 50; Jackie Earle Haley, 55; Jane Lynch, 56.

**Happy Birthday:** Noteworthy organizations will desire the qualities and knowledge you bring to the table. Socializing and networking will put you in a prime position to foster growth and encourage new beginnings. Look for ways to improve your lifestyle. Children, friends and your loved ones will play an important role in your life. Your numbers are 3, 10, 16, 22, 29, 38, 47.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Be smart with your money. Pay close attention to pricing options and good deals. Look for products that will help you look and perform your best. Romance will improve your mood. Positive changes are heading your way. **★★**

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Make a choice and stick to your decision. It doesn't pay to be inconsistent. Someone will become annoyed with you if you don't consult with them before making changes. Business travel will result in a new beginning or opportunity. **★★★**

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Take initiative and make alterations that will allow you to use your mental and physical abilities to the fullest. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your responsibilities. Falling short of your goals will lead to regrets. **★★**

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Give your all and do your best. Your determination

and passionate way of going after what you want will pay off. An unusual turn of events will encourage you to try something new. **★★★★**

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Say "no" to something you cannot afford. A practical approach to everything you do will be necessary if you don't want to be left scrambling to pay off debt. Don't try to buy love. **★★**

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Deal with matters that concern family, neighbors or issues in your community. Taking action and offering alternatives will put you in a position of leadership. Delegate work instead of taking on all the responsibilities yourself. **★★**

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't get angry over situations at work. Do your best to take care of your own responsibilities and refrain from voicing your opinion. Personal and professional improvements will ensure that you protect your position. **★★**

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't give in to someone who tries to belittle you or take over. Do your best to put an end to any rivalry by being positive and doing your best. Your excellence will be impossible for anyone to overcome. **★★**

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take care of medical, legal or financial demands. Making changes at home or to the way you live will end up being more beneficial than anticipated. Do your research to avoid being misled by others. **★★**

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A residential move will ease your stress and give you the incentive to start anew. Putting some muscle behind your ideas and plans will ensure that you reach your goals. Money will come from an unusual source. **★★★**

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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7	5	9		8				
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5	3	9		6				
6	7	8	9					

Difficulty Level ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

1	9	4	7	3	6	5	8	2
8	7	6	2	5	4	3	1	9
5	2	3	9	8	1	7	4	6
7	4	2	5	9	3	1	6	8
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2	3	1	6	4	9	8	5	7
4	8	5	3	2	7	6	9	1
9	6	7	8	1	5	4	2	3

Difficulty Level ★★★

## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Solution: 4 letters

S	C	E	T	W	H	G	U	O	R	H	T	Y	E
L	T	L	N	N	L	U	F	E	R	A	C	K	V
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O	P	G	N	S	L	T	O	R	X	I	S	T	C
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER  
OF ESTATE OF:

VICENTE ILO  
LAIRUPI,  
Deceased.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0124

NOTICE OF HEARING ON  
PETITION FOR LETTERS  
OF ADMINISTRATION

DATE: August 4, 2016

TIME: 9:00am

JUDGE: Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS,  
OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE VICENTE ILO LAIRUPI  
OR HIS ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Edezer Arceo, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the estate of Vicente Ilo Lairupi, the deceased. The Attorney for Petitioner is Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on August 4, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or his Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to ROBERT T. TORRES Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court  
Deputy Clerk of Court

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# MVP Hosmer, Perez lift AL to All-Star victory

**SAN DIEGO** (AP)—Eric Hosmer stood in the middle of the field, holding up a trophy. He hopes to do it again with the Kansas City Royals this fall.

Hosmer and Salvador Perez homered off former Kansas City teammate Johnny Cueto during a six-pitch span in the second inning, Hosmer added an RBI single to become MVP of the All-Star Game and the American League beat the Nationals 4-2 Tuesday night for its fourth straight win.

If the defending champion Royals reach the World Series for the third straight year, they will start at home, sweet, home once again.

"Hopefully this is something we can all rally upon for the second half and find a way to use that home-field advantage," Hosmer said.

David Ortiz found himself in the middle of the most touching moment at Petco Park, embraced by his AL teammates near first base after exiting his final All-Star Game. The popular Big Papi plans to retire at 40 after this season with Boston.

Kris Bryant of the Cubs led the parade of sparkling young talent with a first-inning home run. The Yankees' Dellin Betances flashed his 100 mph heat, and Astros reliever Will Harris came on to throw a called third strike past Cardinals rookie Aledmys Diaz on a 3-2 pitch on the outside corner with the bases loaded to end the eighth.

Royals reliever Kelvin Herrera pitched a hitless sixth for the AL, which will open the Series at home for the 11th time in 14 years since the All-Star winner has been used to determine the hosts for Games 1 and 2.

Kansas City became baseball royalty last fall, bursting to a 2-0 lead over the New York Mets at Kauffman Stadium, where Cueto pitched a two-hitter in the second game. The Royals won in five games for their first title since 1985.

This year, Kansas City is languishing at 45-43, seven games off the AL Central lead and in the middle of the wild-card race.

"We know how much that home-field advantage helped us," Hosmer said. "It just brings that sense of comfort to the team and gives you a jumpstart for the whole Series."

The team with home field has won the World Series six of the last seven times and 24 of the past 30.

Cleveland's Corey Kluber pitched a 1-2-3 second inning for the win, and Zach Britton induced Nolan Arenado's game-ending, double-play



National League's Aledmys Diaz, of the St. Louis Cardinals, is struck out looking by American League's Will Harris, of the Houston Astros, during the eighth inning of the MLB baseball All-Star Game, Tuesday, July 12, 2016, in San Diego. AP

hit last and used the Padres clubhouse on the first-base side. Ball boys in retro-style mustard-and-mud Padres uniforms lent a San Diego feel to Petco, which opened in 2004.

There was a home run on the game's fourth pitch for the second straight year; Bryant connected on a 96 mph Chris Sale fastball with two outs as hitters swung early in the count to beat the shadows creeping in from the left-field corner in the late-afternoon start.

Bryant was part of an all-Cubs infield - the first starting infield quartet from a single team since the 1963 St. Louis Cardinals.

"I think a lot of us were looking first pitch," said Bryant, who played college ball for the University of San Diego. "A lot of pitchers are coming into the game trying to light up the radar gun a bit."

That was the highlight for the NL Central-leading Cubs, whose fan base was pumped up by a fast start and dreams of the team's first title since 1908.

Mike Trout, the All-Star MVP in 2014 and '15, singled in the first for a five-All-Star Game hitting streak—only Mickey Mantle, Joe Morgan and Dave Winfield (seven each) and Stan Musial, Willie Mays and Nellie Fox (six apiece) strung together more.

The lead was short-lived, with Hosmer and Perez going deep for a 3-1 lead in the second, sandwiched around Mookie Betts' single. Cueto was hard to miss in the center of the field, wearing lime green and orange spikes.

"This morning I got up and didn't feel well. That is not an excuse," Cueto said. "I just left two pitches up, and that was the story."

Hosmer, the first Kansas City player to homer in an All-Star Game since Bo Jackson in 1989, made it 4-1 in the third against Fernandez with a one-hopper off Bryant's left arm that bounced into left field for an RBI single. Marcell Ozuna cut the gap with a run-scoring single off Aaron Sanchez in the fourth.

When it was over, Hosmer said he was giving the midnight black truck he earned with the MVP award to his dad, Michael, who stood off to the side.

"So he can stop stealing all my cars," Eric said.

grounder for the save as the AL cut its deficit to 43-42 with two ties. The NL has outscored the AL overall, 360-359.

Ortiz wore spikes with gold-colored bottoms and matching batting gloves to mark his 10th All-Star selection and delivered the AL batting order to umpires at home plate.

He gave a pregame pep talk to his teammates, hit a smash down the first-base line that Anthony Rizzo snagged to rob him of a potential RBI double in the first and walked against Jose Fernandez in the third.

When Edwin Encarnacion came out to pinch run for him, Ortiz waved to the crowd and then spent his AL teammates



came out of the dugout to exchange hugs as the crowd of 42,386 rose in tribute.

"I was supposed to hit a home run in my second at-bat. My boy told me he was going to throw me a fastball, and the first pitch was a changeup," Ortiz said.

"Then 3-2 he threw me a slider and I'm like, 'Are you trying to break my back?' But he said it was the catcher's fault."

Fernandez admitted, "I couldn't believe that I was actually pitching to him. We both looked at each other and smiled."

"He signed the jersey I brought for him," the 23-year-old Miami Marlins ace said.

The All-Star Game returned to San Diego for the first time since 1992 at Jack Murphy Stadium. Just before this first pitch, commissioner Rob Manfred joined Rod Carew, his family and the family of late Padres great Tony Gwynn and named the batting titles after the two Hall of Famers, giving Gwynn the NL honor and Carew the AL championship.

Gwynn died of salivary gland cancer two years ago at age 54.

Sailors dressed in white lined the foul lines and outfield warning tracks for the national anthems. The Tenors, a British Columbia-based group, changed an "O Canada" lyric to "We're all brothers and sisters. All lives matter to the great," and one held up a sign reading "All Lives Matter."

Randy Jones threw out the ceremonial first pitch and former Padres All-Star closer Trevor Hoffman helped open, bringing the game ball to the mound from the bullpen accompanied by AC/DC's "Hell's Bells."

With an NL ballpark hosting for the second year in a row in a streak of at least four, the AL wore white uniforms,

## All-Star walk off for Big Papi: AL teammates embrace Ortiz

**SAN DIEGO** (AP)—David Ortiz ended his All-Star Game career with quite a walk off.

The popular Big Papi was embraced outside the dugout by nearly every member of the American League roster Tuesday night when he was replaced by a pinch runner and strolled back to the bench.

Miguel Cabrera playfully tousled Ortiz's hair. As the Boston slugger made his way through the scrum of players, he wrapped his Red Sox teammate Jackie Bradley Jr. in a bear hug and lifted him off the ground.

Ortiz called the embraces "something I'll never forget. ... You see all your boys."

Catcher Buster Posey of the San Francisco Giants clapped his bare hand against his mitt as Ortiz left the field.

The American League beat the National League 4-2.

Ortiz helped the Red Sox end their 86-year World Series title drought in 2004, and then helped them win the Series in 2007 and 2013, when he was chosen as MVP.

Ortiz announced on Nov. 18—his 40th birthday—that 2016 would be his final season.

"Things are getting harder. ... As you get older, it gets a little difficult," he said after coming out of his 10th All-Star Game.

The designated hitter leads the majors in slugging percentage, on-base average and extra-base hits this year. He's batting .332 with 22 home runs and 72 RBI.

The Red Sox are two games behind Baltimore in the AL East at the break.

Ortiz drew a walk in the third inning from Miami's Jose Fernandez, who said a day earlier that he'd groove

a pitch for the slugger. Ortiz kidded with Fernandez on his way to first base after taking ball four.

"I was supposed to hit a home run in my second at-bat. My boy told me he was going to throw me a fastball and the first pitch was a changeup," Ortiz said. "I was like, 'I thought it was going to be a fastball?'

"He told me yesterday all he was going to throw me was fastballs. He told me it was the catcher's fault—he called it. Then 3-2 he threw me a slider and I'm like, 'Are you trying to break my back?' But he said it was the catcher's fault."

Fernandez called it "an amazing experience. At first I was just throwing fastball, fastball, fastball, so I thought I should mix it up with a breaking pitch and he took it. I was nervous. I couldn't be-

lieve that I was actually pitching to him. We both looked at each other and smiled. We knew what was going on. It was great. He signed the jersey I brought for him. It was just special."

A few moments after Ortiz reached first, AL manager Ned Yost sent in Edwin Encarnacion to run and Ortiz left to a nice ovation.

Yost said he told Ortiz before the game that he was going to get two at-bats, and if he reached on the second one, he would come out. If Ortiz hadn't reached, Yost planned to send him up for a third at-bat, wait for him to be announced and then send up a pinch-hitter.

"But what he didn't know is I wanted the team to go out and meet him. So that was a cool moment, I thought."

Big Papi addressed his teammates earlier in the day.

# Popovich bids farewell to 'irreplaceable' Duncan



**SAN ANTONIO**  
(AP)—Gregg Popovich spoke for about 15 minutes, sometimes unable to hide his emotions, all the while wearing a T-shirt that had Tim

Duncan's face printed on the front. When the last question was answered, the coach turned, put his hands in his pockets and silently walked into a new era for the San Antonio Spurs.

It's a day Popovich knew was coming.

That clearly didn't make it any easier.

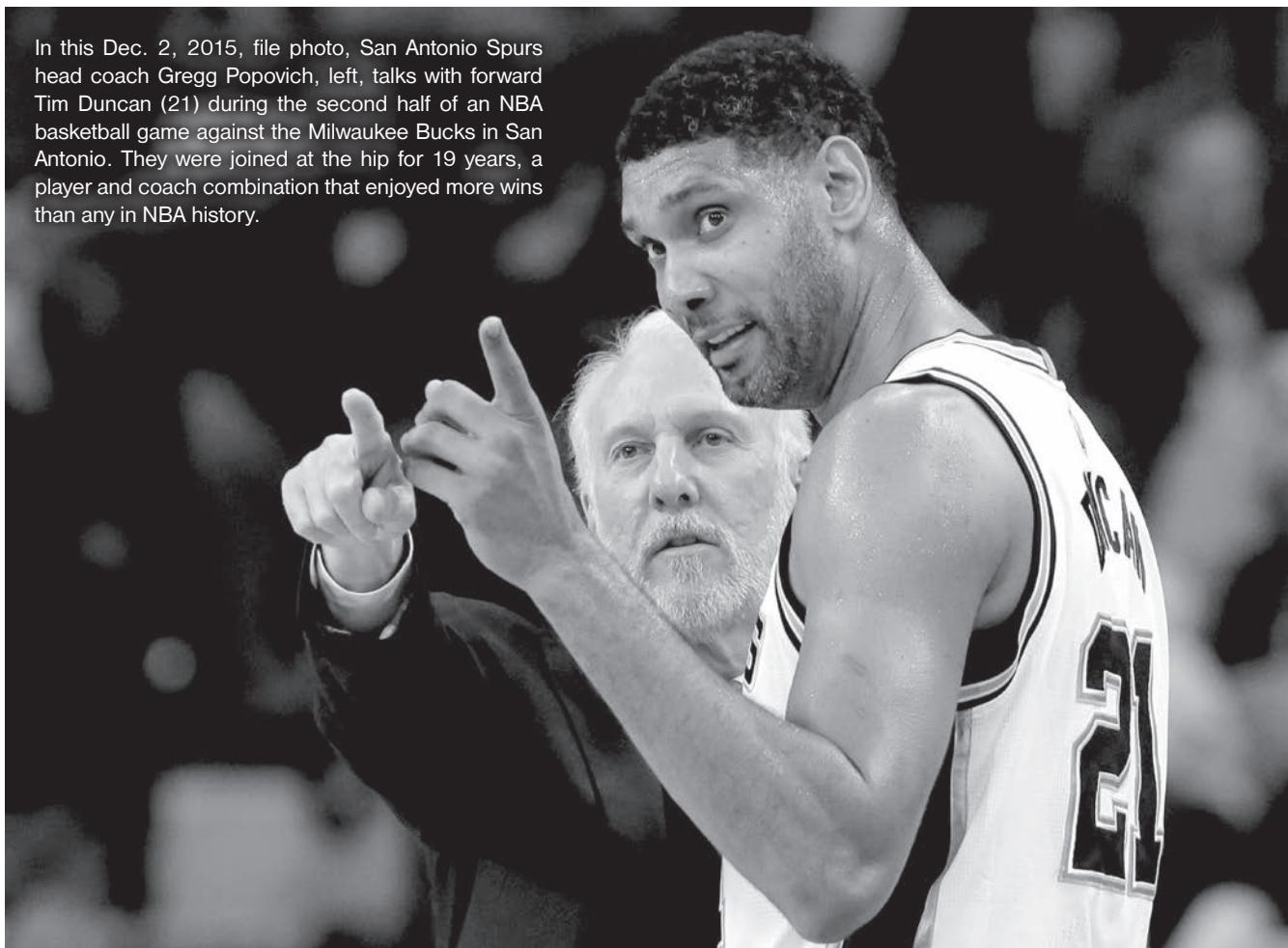
"He's irreplaceable," Popovich said.

Choking up at times and making wisecracks at others, Popovich bade a public farewell to Duncan's playing career on Tuesday. The five-time NBA champion announced his retirement on Monday in a statement released through the team, ending a 19-year career that was spent entirely in San Antonio.

"I figured I better come out here and do this and somehow say goodbye to him," Popovich said. "Which is an impossibility, for a lot of reasons."

Popovich spoke in a corner of the Spurs' practice facility in San Antonio, the spot where he holds court with reporters after workouts during the season. There was no news conference, no elaborate setup, not even any live coverage permitted. Even for something that will have so much impact on the team, the league and the sport, the Spurs kept things as

In this Dec. 2, 2015, file photo, San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich, left, talks with forward Tim Duncan (21) during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Milwaukee Bucks in San Antonio. They were joined at the hip for 19 years, a player and coach combination that enjoyed more wins than any in NBA history.



simple as possible.

Duncan is leaving. In some respects, everything is changing. In others, nothing will.

"I think it will be a seamless transition for the team," former NBA coach and current television analyst Jeff Van Gundy said. "I think who it's going to be hard on is Gregg Popovich."

Popovich gave no indications otherwise Tuesday.

All in one answer—the premise being picking one person in history to have din-

ner with—Popovich made mention of Mother Teresa, Jesus, the Dalai Lama, William F. Buckley, Gore Vidal and actor John Cleese. But given the choice between any of those people, or anyone else, Popovich said he would choose to dine with Duncan.

"I can honestly tell you my dinner would be with Timmy," Popovich said. "And it would be because he's the most real, consistent, true person that I've ever met in my life."

"I can be on him in a game

and ask him why he's not rebounding in a relatively stern way and really get on him in front of everybody," Popovich continued. "And on his way back to the court, he'll say, 'Thanks for the motivation, Pop. Thanks for the support, Pop.' Then he'll turn away with his eyes up in the air and we'll both start laughing. And people don't see those things. But his teammates have and that's why his teammates love him."

Duncan will go down as

one of the best to ever play the game, and Popovich said he was the best teammate any Spurs player could have had.

There were moments of humor, too, like Popovich saying Duncan made him wear the clothes he gave him—including the shirt he donned Tuesday—or else he wouldn't play.

"I remember a pretty neat summer league game when he first came in and (Greg) Ostertag blocked his shot," Popovich said when asked what

moment of Duncan's career he enjoyed most. "That was pretty cool."

Mostly, Popovich's words showed sadness and appreciation.

He spoke at length about Duncan's humility, and how that was instilled in him long ago. Popovich told a story about when Duncan's father, who died in 2002, told the Spurs coach he needed to ensure his son would not be changed by fame or fortune.

"I can still remember before his father passed away, looking me in the eye and saying 'I'm going to hold you responsible to make sure that when he's done he's the same person he is now.' And in that respect, he is," Popovich said. "He's grown as a person, as we all do, through experiences. But his inner core, he was over himself when he came in and after all these accolades and all this success, he's still over himself. Hasn't changed a lick."

Duncan and Popovich won more games together than any player-coach combination in NBA history—and Popovich said he owes his own success to the now-retired star, not the other way around.

To think of a season without Duncan, Popovich said, is mindboggling.

"I would not be standing here if it wasn't for Tim Duncan," Popovich said. "I'd be in the Budweiser league, someplace in America, fat and still trying to play basketball or coach basketball. He's why I'm standing."

ficult a decision for me as it was for him," McIlroy said.

"I could use HGH and get away with it, so I think blood testing is something that needs to happen in golf just to make sure that it is a clean sport going forward," he said. "If golf is in the Olympics and golf wants to be seen as a mainstream sport as such, it has to get in line with the other sports that test more rigorously."

Ahh, the Olympics.

So far, it's been the predominant story line in the buildup to the golf's oldest major championship, with Spieth announcing Monday he would follow the

lead of McIlroy, Day and Johnson by not playing in Rio next month when the sport rejoins the Summer Games for the first time since 1904.

All of them cited concerns over the Zika virus as the primary reason for staying away. But, while Spieth said Tuesday it was "probably the hardest decision I've ever had to make in my life," McIlroy was much more cavalier about skipping the Olympics.

"I don't think it was as dif-

## McIlroy: Still a full-fledged member of Fab Four



**TRON, Scotland**  
(AP)—Rory McIlroy still considers himself a full-fledged member of the Fab Four.

No chance he'll get kicked out of the group, certainly not without putting up quite a fight.

As if to show he's still as relevant as ever among golf's elite players, even as he approaches the two-year mark since the last of his major titles, McIlroy pulled no punches Tuesday leading to the British Open at Royal Troon.

He called out golf for its lax drug-testing procedures and questioned the relevance of his sport being part of the Olympics, saying he wasn't even sure he'd watch it on television.

And, if there was any doubt that he still deserves to be mentioned in the same breath with Jason Day, Dustin Johnson and Jordan Spieth, McIlroy pointed-

ly reminded everyone how they rank in terms of majors.

"I've got four major championships, and I'd love to add to that tally," he said, "just as those guys would love to add to their one or two majors that they have and just keep going."

Message received.

McIlroy missed last year's British Open at St. Andrews after tearing a ligament in his left ankle playing soccer with his buddies, denying him a chance to defend the title he won in 2014.

"I guess it's the start of a new chapter for me in the Open championship," he said. "I'm determined not to miss any more, for the foreseeable future anyway."

He's even more eager to add another major title to his trophy case.

Two years ago, McIlroy followed up his victory at Royal Liverpool by winning again in the PGA Championship. He was the most dominant golfer in the game, the guy everyone else

was chasing as Tiger Woods faded from view. But golf is a fickle game, and players such as Woods, who remain on top for years at a time, don't come along very often.

In 2015, Spieth surged to the pinnacle by winning the Masters and the U.S. Open, and just missing out on a playoff at St. Andrews. Before the year was out, Day had claimed his first major title at the PGA Championship, holding off Spieth.

Then, at this year's U.S. Open, it was Johnson's turn to shine. After some excruciating near-misses in the biggest events, he finally claimed his first major with a dazzling display at Oakmont.

"The game is in a great state," said defending British Open champion Zach Johnson, one of only two players outside the Fab Four to win in the past eight major championships. "Great, young talents carrying it and pushing it. I don't know if there's a ceiling, but if there is, it seems like it's being

nudged a little bit higher month after month, year after year."

Even though McIlroy hasn't been a serious contender at the majors since his victory at Valhalla, McIlroy sees no reason for concern. He's still only 27, an enormous talent who surely has some of his best golf still in front of him.

He rolled his eyes when someone mentioned a reference in the British media that he was on the verge of becoming the Ringo of the Fab Four.

"Probably the first time I've been compared to the Beatles," he said, managing only the hint of a smile. "I'm happy where my game is. I can't worry about other guys.

If I focus on myself and make sure that I'm playing the best that I can, I'm pretty confident that ... I'm going to win more times than not."

McIlroy has other things on his mind as well.

He called on golf's major governing bodies to step up their anti-doping efforts, which

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That was clearly a shot at golf's Olympic boosters, who have said it's the best way to spread the sport to nontraditional areas, with South America being at the forefront this year.

But McIlroy made it clear he's not in that camp. In fact, he made it sound as if golf doesn't belong in the Olympics at all.

"I'm very happy with the decision that I've made and I have no regrets about it," McIlroy said. "I'll probably watch the Olympics, but I'm not sure golf will be one of the events I watch."

So, what will he watch?

"Probably," he replied, "the events like track and field, swimming, diving - the stuff that matters."

Another zinger from a player who has no intention of fading away.

# Report on doping issue could justify Russia's exclusion from Rio

NEW YORK (AP)—A report on Russian doping due out this week is expected to include details about the country's sports ministry telling its drug-testing officials which positive tests to report and which to conceal. If those details do, indeed, show up in the report, the leader of the U.S. anti-doping effort says nothing short of removing the Russian flag from this summer's Olympics would suffice.

Travis Tygart, the CEO of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, told The Associated Press he would support the same sort of action for all Russian sports that track's governing body, the IAAF, took regarding the country's track team: It barred the team but gave a small number of athletes who could prove they were clean a chance to compete under a neutral flag.

"If it's proven true, and there's been intentional sub-



version of the system by the Russian government ... the only outcome is they can't participate in these Olympic Games under that country's flag," Tygart said.

The World Anti-Doping Agency commissioned an investigation, being headed by Richard McLaren, into Russian doping following a New York Times story in May that detailed a state-run system that helped athletes get away with cheating and win medals at the Sochi Olympics in 2014. The McLaren report is due Friday, with public release set for next Monday.

An earlier investigation, headed by former WADA chairman Dick Pound, looked into Russian doping inside the track team; the McLaren investigation is expected to delve into all sports.

In June, based on informa-



In this Feb. 23, 2014, file photo, the Russian national flag, right, flies after next to the Olympic flag during the closing ceremony of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. The World Anti-Doping Agency commissioned an investigation, being headed by Richard McLaren, into Russian doping following a New York Times story in May that detailed a state-run system which helped athletes get away with cheating and win medals at the Sochi Olympics in 2014. The McLaren report is due Friday, July 15, 2016, with public release set for next Monday.

Olympic Trials last weekend. There, Tygart said, "what we see now is what happened in East Germany" in the 1970s and '80s, when doping in the Eastern Bloc went virtually unchecked.

He told USATF leaders: "You have to send a message to states that corrupt the Games. I don't want to pre-judge the report but indications are that that's what's going to be in there."

USADA chairman Edwin Moses, the gold-medal-winning and world-record-setting hurdler from the 1970s and '80s, reiterated that point to the USATF.

Guam will end up with identical 2-2 marks for a tie for second place behind the likely top finisher Australia.

The Top 2 finishers in the round-robin elimination will battle in the finals this Saturday with the winner getting a slot to the Senior League World Series, which will be played in Bangor, Maine from July 31 to Aug. 6.

## Bridge Capital donates \$5K to Tournament of Champions

As part of its commitment to supporting community events and projects, Bridge Capital has donated \$5,000 to the 21st Annual Tournament of Champions

"The Tournament of Champions continues to be an integral source of funds for community projects that benefit all residents of the CNMI," said Bridge Capital vice president and chief operating officer Jody Jordahl. "We are happy to be participating again this year as a sponsor for this great event and look forward to an exciting tournament on Aug. 6 and 7."

This year's Tournament of Champions will be played at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort's east and west courses. The two-day event is bigger and better than ever with exciting hole-in-one prizes and thousands of dollars in prizes. The TOC tournament fee is \$200.

First place winners in the men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive \$500 cash, while \$400, \$300, a GoPro Hero Camera, and \$100 DFS gift certificate will go to the second to fifth



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Bridge Capital vice president and chief operating officer Jody Jordahl, fourth left, presents the company's \$5,000 check donation to Tournament of Champions director Ben Babauta, fifth left, and other members of the TOC committee during a turnover ceremony recently in Garapan.

finishers. The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive \$500, \$400 will go to the second placer, and \$300 to the third. The Top 3 winners in the Ladies Low Net will receive trophies.

Meanwhile, hole-in-one prizes include a brand new 2016 Toyota Highlander donated by Atkins Kroll (Saipan), \$10,000 cash prize donated by Pacifica Insurance, and one year free golf cer-

tificate from Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

TOC, since its inception, has given over \$700,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund which has gone directly to the improvements of the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to the former Palms Resort Saipan, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo

de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and most recently the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2016 TOC, contact Ben Babauta at 483-2563 or Marilda Pensader/Nicole Babauta at 236-2530. For player information and to download the registration form, visit [www.tocsaipan.com](http://www.tocsaipan.com). (PR)

more runs in the sixth—two from the Blue Jays' errors and off Steven Cabrera's bunt and Jhace Palacios' RBI single. Cabrera then reached off another Blue Jays' miscue at the top of the seventh and earlier his double drove Jerald Cabrera home to set up Titanium's early victory via 10-run mercy rule.

Behind by double-digit at the bottom of the seventh, the Blue Jays must score at least one run to extend the game, but that did not happen, as

Titanium's defense held them to a 1-2-3 inning. Leadoff batter Anthony David and Santos went down on 6-3 putout plays, while closer Manny Cabrera struck out Anthony Benavente.

With the victory, Titanium improved its record to 6-6, while the Blue Jays are still winless after 13 games. Manny and Steven Cabrera both hit 2-for-4 at the plate in Titanium's win and scored two runs apiece. Steven added two

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to score in the fourth, but made up for it in the fifth, tallying five runs. The Bernard Cabrera-managed Titanium capitalized on the Blue Jays' defensive lapses to score four unearned runs at the top of the fifth, while Tenorio recorded the lone earned run off Manny Cabrera's RBI single.

Now ahead, 6-2, Titanium kept going and added four

RBIs, while Manny had one.

Meanwhile, the defending champions GSM Brewers (9-3) were scheduled to face the Yankees (5-7) last night and results of the match were unavailable at press time, while last Monday's duel between the Falcons (7-4) and the North Starz (3-9) was rained-out. Today, the unbeaten and pennant champion Chalan Kanoa Bears (12-0) will put their perfect record on the line when they take on the BSI Aces (8-4).

Ezra was comfortably ahead at the break, 40-22, but slowly lost the double-digit advantage when Hao Yu Chen anchored Nahum's comeback bid and Chris Sacdalan stepped up in place of David Cai, who missed last Monday's match.

Chen scored 12 straight markers in the early part of the second half, while Sacdalan knocked in three triples to bring Ezra's lead down to single digit. However, Nahum failed to steal the win in the end, as Borromeo was there to save the day for Ezra.

Borromeo led all scorers with his 28 points, while Chen had 27 on a losing cause.

## First Game

**Ezra 65** — Borromeo 28, Buno 10, Sumpay 8, Guevarra 6, Santiago 6, De Leon 2.

**Nahum 63** — Chen 27, Sacdalan 18, Wang 8, Tu 8, Tenorio 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 40-22, 65-61.

## Second Game

**Joel 75** — Palino 32, Ocaya 15, Cruz 8, Ocanada 8, Elchico 7, De Leon 4.

**Jonah 72** — Cruz 28, Dara 16, Ponce 11, Gozon 8, Cabrera 4, Bordon 2, Marcelana 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 29-23, 64-64, 75-72 (OT).

# CNMI vs Guam in EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2017 Round 1

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The CNMI's Chevy Kate Alipio deflects the ball during their game against Guam in the EAFF E-1 Football Championships 2017 Round 1 early this month at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Dededo.



The CNMI's Gabrielle Race, fourth left, fights for possession against Guam's Anjelica Perez.



Guam's Simone Willter is hounded by CNMI defenders.



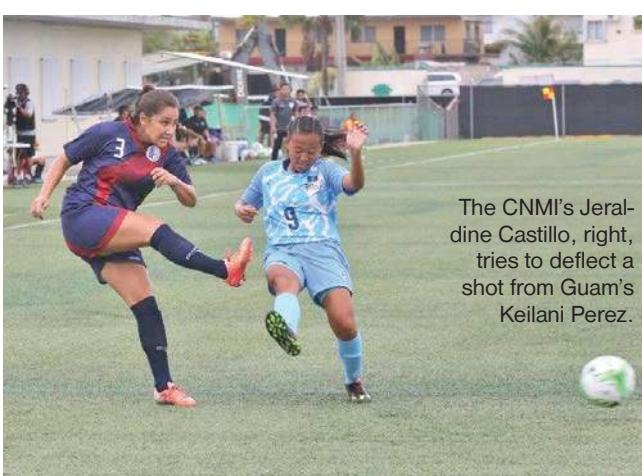
The CNMI's De Jana Muna, right, engages Guam's Colleen Naden in a footrace.



The CNMI's Jeraldine Castillo, right, tries to deflect a shot from Guam's Keilani Perez.



The CNMI's Krizel Tuazon, second left, collides against Guam's Paige Surber, while the former's teammates Alexa Vergara, right, and Gabrielle Race, left, look on.



The CNMI's Taylor Knecht attempts to steal possession from Guam's Samantha Kaufman.



CNMI goalkeeper Chevy Kate Alipio reaches in for the ball.



The CNMI's Chloe Salvosa kicks the ball out.



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Perez lift AL to  
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# CNMI barges into win column

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The CNMI Senior All-Stars huddle before the start of their game against the Philippines yesterday in the 2016 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.



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REPORTER

**T**he CNMI Senior All-Stars snapped their two-game losing skid after beating the host Philippines, 6-1, yesterday in the 2016 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament at the Clark International Sports Complex in Pampanga.

Pitchers Ethan Babauta, Richard Atalig, and Shakobe Rangamar combined for a five-hitter to give the defending champions their first victory while handing the Philippines its second straight loss.

Babauta started out for the Commonwealth and yielded four hits in three innings pitched. His passed ball at the top of the third inning allowed PHL to score its first and only run in the match. Atalig relieved Babauta at the start of the fourth inning and worked the mound until the sixth, giving up only one hit. Rangamar finished the job for the CNMI and he did it quickly, as the hosts were called for a 1-2-3 inning at the top of the seventh.

The CNMI Senior All-Stars faced the Philippines after



bowing to Guam, 7-12, and Australia, 0-16. Against the hosts, the visiting team hit the board first with Babauta's single driving leadoff batter Virginal Secharmidal home at the bottom of the opening inning. Earlier at the top of the first, the CNMI's defense forced the Philippines to a 1-2-3 inning.

In the second inning, neither team reached, while in the third, Secharmidal got his second run off the PHL's error. The CNMI went on to add two more runs in the third with both Jay Kalen and Rangamar making it home off the hosts' wild pitches, while Henry Aguon and Kimo Angailen recorded the last two runs for the visiting crew. Aguon reached off a fielder's choice, while Angailen scored off the

former's RBI walk.

Meanwhile, the CNMI will take a rest today before facing Indonesia tomorrow for its last match in the round-robin competition. With the Commonwealth bets having a 1-2 record and Guam and Australia holdings similar 2-0 marks

(pending results of the Australia vs Indonesia match yesterday afternoon), the defending champions are a long shot for the Top 2 spots in the five-team field.

The only way that the CNMI All-Stars could at least

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GSM Brewers players warm up before their game against the BSI Aces in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

## Joel, Ezra outlast opponents

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 Joel and Ezra pulled off close wins at the start of the second round of the youth division competition in the 5th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Ezra withstood Nahum's second-half rally to eke out a 65-63 victory in the curtain-

raiser, while Joel slipped past Jonah in overtime, 75-72, in the second match. Ezra and Joel now hold similar 4-1 records to share the top spot, while Joel slid to second place with its 3-2 slate. Nahum dropped to a 1-4 mark to remain at fourth place, while idle Hagai (0-4) completes the team standings.

Andrew Palino carried the load for Joel in the extension period, scoring all but one of the team's 11 points. Jordan

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Ezra's Nathan Borromeo is surrounded by Nahum defenders during their youth division game in the first round of the Gen Cup at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## SBL resumes, Titanium tops winless Blue Jays

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Titanium picked up an easy win at the resumption of action in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League after routing Blue Jays, 12-2, last Tuesday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Titanium took the victory after only seven innings despite a lethargic start as the squad did not play for nearly three weeks with SBL giving way to the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic.

The winning squad once faced a 0-2 deficit as the Blue Jays scored one run apiece in the first and second inning.



Justin Santos put the Blue Jays on the board, reaching home off a passed ball from Steven Cabrera, while Ben Flores posted the second run, thanks to the former's single.

The Blue Jays, however, were shut down in the remaining five innings as Cabrera began playing steady on the mound and Titanium getting into its rhythm to get the victory two innings early.

Patrick Tenorio started things out for Titanium as his double at the top of the third brought Joe Palacios home. Titanium then failed

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